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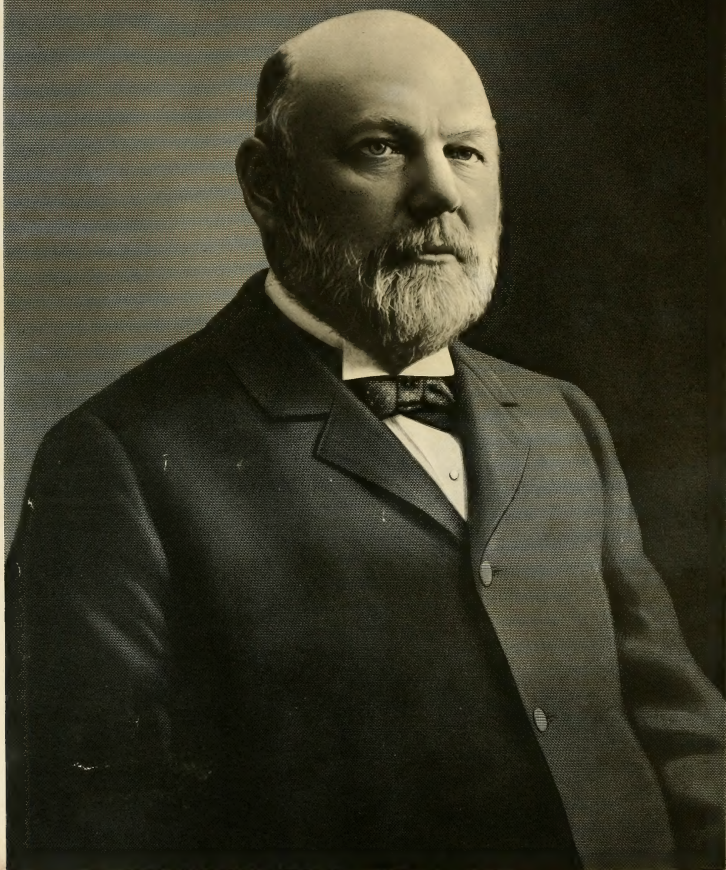
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JOSEPH MAULL CAREY.

Hon. Joseph Maull Carey has been identified with the development of Wyoming from pioneer times and has left and will leave the impress of his ability and individuality indelibly upon the history of the state. In whatever capacity he has acted since arriving in Wyoming he has done his work well; especially may we in this respect consider his services as United States attorney, United States territorial judge, mayor of Cheyenne, member of congress, United States senator and governor of the state of Wyoming.

He is a descendent of English and Scotch families who arrived in America during an early period of the colonization of the new world. His grandfather, Joseph Carey, who married Margaret, the daughter of Robert Hood, was engaged in agricultural and business pursuits all his life and passed away at Milton, Delaware, in 1838 and was buried at St. Georges' Chapel, one of the oldest Episcopal churches on the Delaware peninsula.

His father, Robert Hood Carey, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Hood) Carey was born in Milton, Delaware, in 1811 and followed all his manhood, mercantile and agricultural pursuits. He died in 1891 in the same house in which he had been born eighty years before. His wife was Susan Pitt Davis, daughter of Robert Davis, born in 1813 and died in 1881. They are buried in the Carey lot in the Methodist Churchyard Cemetery at Milton, Delaware.

Joseph M. Carey, the subject of this sketch was born on January 19, 1845, at Milton, Delaware, and was the third son in a family of five boys and two girls. He pursued his education in public and private schools and in teaching a country school. He entered the Fort Edward Collegiate Institute at Fort Edward, New York and afterwards attended Union College, Schenectady, New York, remaining there until the end of his sophomore year in 1865. He was made honorary chancellor of that college in 1894 and with the honor came the degree of Doctor of Laws. Mr. Carey became a citizen of Pennsylvania in 1865, immediately taking up the study of law in the office of B. F. Temple, of Philadelphia, afterwards continuing his studies in the same city under the direction of W. L. Dennis and Henry Flanders. He matriculated at the same time in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania from which he was a graduate with the class of 1867. He located immediately for the practice of his profession in Philadelphia.

In 1866, Mr. Carey made political speeches in Pennsylvania, first speaking at Reading, Pennsylvania, with Governor Geary then making a canvass for his second election for governor of that state. That year Mr. Carey cast his first vote. In 1868, under the direction of the chairman of the republican state committee of New Jersey, Mr. Carey spoke in many towns in New Jersey.

In 1869, when Wyoming was organized as a territory, Mr. Carey was appointed the first United States attorney for the newly created territory. In 1872, when he was less than twenty-eight years of age, he was appointed by President Grant an associate justice of the supreme court of the territory. He retired from judicial office and the practice of law in 1876, having, however, in the meantime made a most excellent record upon the bench by the fairness and impartiality of his decisions, which were based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and ability to accurately apply those principles.

He was present and took part in all the details of the organization of the new government of Wyoming territory as provided for by the act of congress. After the counties were organized he was employed by the several county governments, where county attorneys had not been elected, to prosecute all territorial cases arising in such counties during the first year of the territorial government.

He early realized the resources of Wyoming and was one of the leaders in the development of live stock raising in this section of the country. In the undertaking he became associated with his brother, R. Davis Carey, of Philadelphia, and later his brother, Dr. John F. Carey, in business in Wyoming. Subsequently he bought out the interests of his brothers.

In 1885 he originated and helped to organize the Wyoming Development Company for the reclamation of lands between the Sybille and Laramie rivers and Chugwater creek in the then Laramie county, of which company he was elected president, and later he became the president of the Wheatland Industrial Company, all of which has contributed to the settlement of what is known as the Wheatland Colony. This colony is perhaps the best object lesson of what can be done through irrigation for the development of the arid lands in Wyoming. The firm of J. M. Carey & Bro., subsequently the corporation of J. M. Carey & Bro., has led to substantial progress and improvement of this state as well as to the building of a great business. They erected some of the best blocks in Cheyenne and the city's progress is attributable in no small measure to their efforts.

He was present and participated in all the early meetings of the Wyoming Live Stock Association. He was for a number of years president of the association. This association became the greatest organization of its kind in the world. At one time it had a membership representing fully \$200,000,000.00 investments in the business. It became active not only in Wyoming but also in the adjoining states of Colorado and Nebraska and in the territories of Utah, Idaho, Montana and Dakota. This association has continued to grow, and the great business it today carries on for the protection of those interested in the live stock business can only be comprehended by an examination of its records.

At the same time, Mr. Carey continued a most active and helpful factor in public life. In 1880 he was chosen mayor of Cheyenne and continued in this office for three terms, making a record by the prompt, efficient and business-like manner in which he discharged his duties. Among other things, he secured legislation, notwithstanding great opposition, to build a residence water and sewer system for Cheyenne. He secured the cooperation of the then three banks of Cheyenne to carry the indebtedness of the city until he could dispose of the bonds with friends in the east.

In 1884 he was elected delegate to the Forty-ninth Congress, and he served in this capacity also in the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses. In 1890 he was elected the first United States senator, which position he held until 1895. It was Mr. Carey who wrote the bill and the report thereon for the admission of Wyoming as a state in the Fiftieth Congress. In this work he had the continual support of the people of the territory. He procured for the state much legislation during his service in the United States house of representatives and senate. That of first importance was the passage of the bill for the admission of Wyoming as a state, and second, the law since known as the "Carey Act," under which so much has been accomplished, notably in Idaho, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming. This law, since in active operation, has contributed in a marked measure to the development of great irrigation work in the states enumerated, and the reclamation of large acreages in each of these states. He also secured legislation for the erection of government buildings at the capitals of Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada. He secured the necessary legislation for the establishment of all the land offices of this state except those at Cheyenne and Evanston, notably at Douglas, Sundance, Buffalo and Lander. He procured much other land legislation.

Mr. Carey represented the territory and state of Wyoming for twenty years

on the republican national committee. He was commissioner of the territory of Wyoming at the World's Fair held at Philadelphia, 1876. Mr. Carey was governor of the state of Wyoming for the term commencing January 1, 1911, and ending 1915. During his term as governor there was a great deal of important legislation enacted and the manner in which he discharged the duties of the office was thoroughly appreciated by the people of Wyoming. He especially took an interest in the penal and charitable institutions and for the improvement of the condition of the inmates of these institutions. He exercised his parole and pardon powers as, it is said, no preceding governor had done.

He used the veto power to curb unnecessary laws and appropriations, yet there was more satisfactory legislation to the people during his term than during any other like period. He was asked to run again for governor or to become a candidate for United States senator. He declined to let his name be used again in connection with either position, saying, "There are many others in the state who are entitled to consideration," and that it was not necessary that anyone should be continued in office all the time and that there was no man whose position could not be filled.

On the 27th of September, 1877, Governor Carey was united in marriage to Miss Louisa David, of Dubuque, Iowa, whose people had become residents of Cheyenne in 1876. Her father, Edward C. David, was surveyor general of the territory of Wyoming. Two children were born of his marriage: Robert Davis and Charles David Carey. The elder is a graduate of Yale University of the class of 1900 and is now at Careyhurst, being manager of the cattle interests of J. M. Carey & Bro. The younger son was also educated at Yale in the Sheffield course and lives at Cheyenne. Both of the sons have homes in Wyoming but are largely interested financially with their father in the corporation of J. M. Carey & Brother.

Well descended and well bred, Joseph M. Carey in his active life record has reflected credit upon the family name. Nature endowed him with keen sagacity and intellectual force, and with the passing years he has wisely utilized his time, his talents and his opportunities. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible. He early proved himself an able lawyer and learned judge and he became one of the builders of the Western Empire. An eminent American citizen has said: "In all this world, the thing supremely worth having is the opportunity coupled with the capacity to do well and worthily a piece of work, the doing of which shall be of vital significance to mankind." The opportunity came to Mr. Carey and the capacity was his. The combination has resulted most beneficially for Wyoming and the outcome of his efforts has been a most tangible factor in molding the material development and the political history of the state.

He may be truly called "the grand old man of Wyoming."

DON L. WAKEMAN.

Don L. Wakeman, engaged in the practice of law at Gillette, was the first white child born in what is now Crook, Weston and Campbell counties and was ushered into this world near Beulah, Crook county, July 30, 1882, a son of Edgar C. and Frances (Mulholland) Wakeman. The father was a native of Wisconsin and the mother of Oregon and they were married in South Dakota. They became residents of Wyoming in the year 1879 residing continuously in Crook county engaging in ranching and stockraising. The mother departed this life in 1910 but the father is still living near Moorcroft at this time. To this union two sons were born: Don L. Wakeman and Edgar E. Wakeman, now associated together as the well known law firm of Wakeman & Wakeman, of Gillette, Wyoming.

Don L. Wakeman, the elder son, has spent practically all his life in Wyoming,

remaining upon the father's ranch during his boyhood and youth. After acquiring a public school education he pursued his school work at the State Normal School at Spearfish, South Dakota, later graduated from the Business College at Grand Island, Nebraska, and ultimately entered upon the study of law graduating in 1904 with degree of LL. B., being admitted to practice in this state in 1906. This same year he opened an office for the practice of law at Newcastle, Wyoming, where he remained for about a year and then moved to Gillette, where he has since resided. He has continuously followed his profession and by diligence and perseverance has built up a large practice gaining the reputation of being one of the leading lawyers in northeastern Wyoming. He has also, in association with his father and brother, large ranch interests near Moorcroft in Crook county, Wyoming.

In 1906 Mr. Wakeman was united in marriage to Miss Maud Pearson, a native of South Dakota, to which union have been born four children, Don L., David Neil, Harold E., and Ruth Frances.

Both parents are members of the Episcopal church and they are held in high esteem by their many friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Wakeman is an independent in politics and is now serving on his second term as county attorney of Campbell county. Prior to taking this office, he was United States commissioner for eight years. He is also deeply interested in educational affairs having served for several years on the local school board and to his untiring efforts is due, in a large measure, the effectiveness and advancement of the public school system in his locality.

Mr. Wakeman's political and professional duties have ever been discharged with marked capability and fairness and he is highly regarded both as a man and a citizen throughout the state. By reason of what he has accomplished in professional circles and his unswerving loyalty to his home community and state he is generally considered one of the prominent men of this state.

HON. JOHN E. OSBORNE.

Hon. John E. Osborne, who was governor of Wyoming and was appointed assistant secretary of state of the United States by President Wilson, is now concentrating his efforts and attention upon important business interests in Rawlins.

He was born in Essex county, New York. He attended the public schools of New York and afterward became a student in the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated on the completion of a medical course. Attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, he made his way to Rawlins in the early '80s and entered upon practice as a surgeon for the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He also became interested in sheep raising and banking and now owns much valuable real estate in Wyoming, including buildings and lands. He organized and is president of the Osborne Block Realty Company, which owns the Osborne building and the Miller block, two of the largest business and office buildings in Rawlins.

Gifted by nature for leadership, Mr. Osborne had been a resident of Wyoming for only a brief period before he became a prominent factor in the public life of the community, and three years after his arrival in Rawlins was elected as the second mayor of the city and occupied that position for two terms. In 1892 he was chosen governor of Wyoming and in 1896 further political honors were accorded him in his election to congress. He was appointed by Governor Moonlight chairman of the penitentiary building commission at the time of the erection of the present penal institution at Rawlins. In 1913 he was appointed the first assistant secretary of state of the United States and served during President Wilson's first administration, after which he found it necessary to tender his resignation on account of failing health. Before his removal to Washington



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to assume the duties of the office he assisted in organizing and became president of the Rawlins National Bank, which position he resigned to take up his abode in the national capital. After his return to Rawlins he became the first vice president of the bank and is thus connected with the institution at the present time. He aided in organizing the Stockman's State Bank of Medicine Bow, of which he is a director, and he was also recently elected a director of the Citizens National Bank of Cheyenne. Largely interested in sheep raising, he is president of the Osborne Live Stock Company, operating most extensively in connection with that industry in Wyoming. He is heavily interested in real estate and his judicious investments have placed him among the capitalists of Wyoming.

In 1907 Governor Osborne was united in marriage to Miss Selina Smith a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Smith, who were also born in that state. Governor and Mrs. Osborne have one child, a daughter, Jean Curtis, who was born in Kentucky, December 6, 1908. Their home is one of the most beautiful and substantial residences in Rawlins.

In Masonic circles Mr. Osborne is well known, having taken the degrees of lodge, chapter, council and commandery, and he is also a member of Korein Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He likewise has membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has traveled extensively, making trips to foreign lands, and in all sections of the globe he has collected rare curios and works of art. He has been especially interested in ancient Egyptian relics and in addition to his fine collection of that character he has many curios obtained in his own state.

JOHN MILLIKEN.

John Milliken, conducting a transfer, livery and automobile business at Hanna, was born in County Down, Ireland, February 23, 1854, a son of William Milliken, a representative of an old family of County Down, who became a Presbyterian clergyman and spent his entire life in his native country. He wedded Mary Boyd, also a native of County Down, and she, too, remained a resident of the Emerald isle until called to the home beyond. She became the mother of a large family and four of the children are still living.

John Milliken was educated in the schools of his native county and in the night schools of Carbon, Wyoming, where he took up his abode on coming to America in the fall of 1874, when a young man of about twenty years. Before he crossed the Atlantic he had been employed in the coal mines of Scotland and on coming to the new world he thoroughly understood the work of mining and sought the opportunities offered in the mining districts of the west. He obtained employment along that line in Carbon county, Wyoming, and continued to devote his attention to mining until 1880. He then entered the hotel and saloon business and also engaged in dealing in horses. He made five trips overland in 1880 from Nezperce, Idaho,—trips that were full of hazardous and trying ordeals. He and his associates purchased horses from the Nez Perce Indians and on reaching cities of any size would sell what they could and then continue their journey. Mr. Milliken made drives of this kind with Frank Herzel, who was in the same business. Mr. Milliken continued his travels as far east as Montgomery, Alabama, and sold and handled upwards of ten thousand horses. In 1914 Mr. Milliken entered his present line of business, in which he has since been actively and continuously engaged. He has a transfer, livery and auto business and he is also engaged in raising horses, in addition to which he conducts a ranch of one hundred and sixty acres in Carbon county, having secured this as a homestead claim during the '70s. His business affairs are carefully and wisely directed and are bringing to him a substantial measure of profit.

In 1882 Mr. Milliken was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Sutton, a native of England, who was brought to America in her infancy by her parents, who took up their abode in Illinois and afterward removed to Carbon, Wyoming,

where they were pioneer residents. The father is now a resident of Sutton. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Milliken: Mary, who is the wife of Oscar Peterson, of Kemmerer; William S., who is head clerk in the Union Pacific Coal office at Hanna; Annie, who is the wife of Charles Gibbons, of Bangs, Wyoming; Marguerite, the wife of E. F. Hill, a registered pharmacist living at Grace, Idaho; Robert, who is associated with his father in the transfer business; Agnes; James; John; and Dorothy.

Politically Mr. Milliken is a staunch republican and has filled the office of road supervisor for six years, his term ending in December, 1916. He has ever taken an active interest in politics and keeps thoroughly informed concerning the vital questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and to the Presbyterian church and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of these organizations. His life has been well spent and he is greatly esteemed by all who know him. He came to America a poor boy but he possessed the substantial qualities of perseverance and adaptability and he has used his time wisely and well, so that as the years have gone on he has gained for himself a substantial place among the representative residents of Carbon county.

HON. HENRY GORDON BALCH.

Hon. Henry Gordon Balch was recognized as one of the foremost men of Wyoming of his day. He had much to do with the upbuilding and development of the state, where for a quarter of a century his enterprise, his progressiveness and his energy contributed largely to the material advancement of the state. He was born September 15, 1853, in Dedham, Massachusetts, a descendant of one of the prominent old New England families whose identification with that section of the country dates back to early colonial days. His parents were Joseph and Maria (Hallet) Balch. The father was for years the president of the Boylston Insurance Company and was well known in financial and business circles in Boston. He reared an excellent family, among his sons being Dr. Franklin Balch, an eminent member of the medical profession; George Hallet, who succeeded his father as the president of the Boylston Insurance Company and so remained until the company liquidated; Joseph, a prominent broker of Boston; and Henry Gordon.

The last named was educated at Roxbury Latin School, and owing to bronchial trouble, from which he suffered in young manhood, he came west on the advice of the family physician, who believed that a higher altitude would prove beneficial, as the result proved. In 1876 Mr. Balch arrived in Albany county and the following year was joined by his boyhood companion, D. C. Bacon. They entered into business relations together with J. M. Carey, later governor of Wyoming. They embarked in the cattle business on the ranch long known as the Riverside, and being independent and full of energy, the two young men bought out Mr. Carey's interest and continued their operations in stock alone. They readily adapted themselves to the business and with genuine Yankee shrewdness introduced new methods of management that proved highly successful. From the beginning they prospered and extended their interests as the large means which were available to them readily permitted. They acquired other ranches and herds of cattle in Montana. In 1888 they divided their ranch and stock interests, Mr. Bacon taking the Riverside ranch and Mr. Balch the Montana property. The latter went to Billings, Montana, and remained there for a time and later removed to Salt Lake, where he lived for about one year. He and his friend, Mr. Bacon, were the prime movers in the organization of the Laramie National Bank in 1881, Mr. Balch becoming the president of the bank upon its organization. In 1895 this institution was consolidated with the Wyoming National Bank, the combination becoming the First National Bank of Laramie, of



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which Mr. Balch became the first president and continued its executive head to the time of his death. He had also become interested in banking in Salt Lake, where he established the Commercial National Bank, now the Continental National Bank of that city. He was extensively interested likewise in the First National Bank of Rock Springs, Wyoming, and at one time was president of all three of these associated banks. As he became absorbed in the banking business he gradually ceased his active operations in the stock industry, although to the last he had many interests in that line, as he had in various other business enterprises. In fact, Mr. Balch at the time of his death was so extensively interested in many business projects that his sudden demise distinctly disturbed the business affairs of the city and county more than had ever previously been felt in Laramie by the death of an individual. Among his varied interests, he was president of the Rock Springs Coal Company, with which he had been connected from its inception.

Mr. Balch died at his residence on Thornburg street in Laramie, February 3, 1901. For several months he had not been feeling well but he never complained, for it was not his nature to do so. The labors of the legislative session, following upon the many days of work on the board of county commissioners closing up his term of office as chairman of the board, an arduous trip to the state institutions and to Salt Lake, with its legislative excursions, and finally a severe cold contracted in Cheyenne, these were the conditions that led up to the fatal illness of Mr. Balch. On the day of his burial all the business houses and public schools of the city were closed in respect to his memory. It was a public funeral because Mr. Balch was a public man, and there was so great a desire among all the people to express their sorrow through attendance at the funeral that the preference of the family for privacy at this moment was put aside. Both houses of the state legislature adjourned on that day and, with Governor De Forest Richard, came to Laramie in a body to pay their respect for the last time to an honored fellow member.

Although Mr. Balch disliked political activity, he nevertheless answered the call of the people when it came and he served with honor and distinction in every position in which the voice of the people placed him. He served as county commissioner for two terms in the '80s and again was chosen to that position in 1898. As chairman of the board he was fearless and energetic to a degree that was realized by only such persons as came in contact with him in his official capacity. He felt that it was his duty to give his county the best service that he was capable of doing and to administer public affairs with the same carefulness that he managed his own interests. He was never afraid to do what he thought was right and even felt a pride in the momentary antagonism he sometimes created by his firmness in dealing with matters of taxation and other things of vital importance to the community. He had the courage of his convictions, and it was said of him by an intimate friend of twenty-five years' acquaintance, "You always know exactly where to find H. G. Balch."

In the old territorial legislature Mr. Balch served for one term with credit. He was elected to the state senate in the fall of 1900. He did not want the office but consented to become a candidate because he thought it was his duty. In the senate he was regarded as an authority on finance and county affairs and was looked upon with respect and admiration and personal liking by all his associates in the legislature. In politics he was ever a stanch republican. Notwithstanding his very retiring nature, Mr. Balch made hosts of friends and these he had "grappled to his heart with hoops of steel." In his friendship and even in his acquaintance he was, as in his business, faithful, honest and true. Probably no man of his time had more personal friends than Mr. Balch. His kindness of heart was often in evidence by acts of generosity that were known only by the recipient. His fine rearing was ever in evidence. He never paraded it, but he could not hide it. He was the same wherever you found him, and respect was instinctively given him. He was fond of whist and at the time of his death was president of the Laramie Whist Club.

Bishop Talbot said of Mr. Balch, that while he was not a church man, yet he was as much of a Christian man as it was possible to be. At the time of his death the Laramie Republican said of him editorially: "One of the foremost men of the state has been removed. For twenty-five years the life of Henry G. Balch was devoted to the material progress of Wyoming. As a ranchman he studied improved methods and achieved success beneficial alike to himself and his fellows. As business man and banker he was courteous, obliging and just; as public official he was incorruptible, painstaking, energetic, thoughtful, the interests of the public being guarded with even greater fidelity than his own. As friend, companion, adviser, husband, father, he was a charming, lovable man. The entire commonwealth mourns the loss of a great man."

In St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Laramie on the 15th of January, 1889, Bishop Talbot performed the marriage ceremony of Mr. Balch and Mrs. Alfred W. Crandell, formerly Harriett Emily Crowe, a native of Troy, New York, and a daughter of Levi and Anna (Charlesworth) Crowe, both of whom were natives of England. Mrs. Crandell came to Laramie in 1887, her husband being connected with the Union Pacific Railroad to the time of his death, at which he left two daughters, Anna Charlesworth and Ethel Mercelia, the former residing in Laramie with her mother, while the latter is the wife of Dr. James Allan Ballard, formerly of Hayward, Wisconsin, but now a lieutenant in the United States Medical Corps, doing duty in France. To Mr. and Mrs. Balch were born a son and a daughter, twins, Gordon Henry and Marjory Hallet. The son was graduated from Harvard with the class of 1912 and was for some time private secretary to Lars Anderson, United States minister at Brussels, Belgium, but not liking the diplomatic service, he became connected with the Boston banking house of Stone & Webster in the security department. He is now a lieutenant in the hydro-aeroplane service of the United States navy. He had been actively interested in aviation for some time prior to joining that branch of the service. The daughter, Marjory Hallet, was educated in Mrs. MacDuffie's School in Springfield, Massachusetts, after which she traveled around the world with her mother and subsequently gave her services to the Massachusetts General Hospital in preparation for Red Cross work. She was married at Jamaica Plains, Boston, October 20, 1917, to John Earl Cunningham, of Baltimore, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who for one and one-half years was in France, serving as an ambulance driver. He is now connected with the great shipbuilding project at Hog Island, New Jersey.

Mrs. Balch, a most estimable lady, has since her husband's death spent a number of years in the east, covering the period of her son's and daughter's educational training, and later she traveled in various countries and around the world. She now resides in Laramie.

HON. JOHN L. BAIRD.

In many ways Hon. John L. Baird has left the impress of his individuality upon the history of Wyoming. Not only has he served as treasurer of the state, but has been connected with various business interests which have had to do with its material development and upbuilding and he has been an active factor in advancing legislation highly beneficial to the commonwealth. He is now president of the First National Bank of Newcastle and is a prominent stockman.

He was born in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, on the 12th of October, 1857, and is a son of John F. and Amanda J. (Criss) Baird. He was educated in the public schools of his native county and in the State Normal School at Platteville, Wisconsin, being thus accorded liberal educational opportunities which well qualified him for life's practical duties and responsibilities. He was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and in 1876 he left the middle west for the Black Hills, locating at Dead-



J. L. Baird



wood, South Dakota, where he served as a clerk in a mercantile establishment for two years. On the expiration of that period he developed a telephone system in the Black Hills, with which he was identified until 1884, when he came to Wyoming, settling at Sundance. There he concentrated his efforts and attention upon stock raising and ranching and in 1888 he established himself in the mercantile business in Sundance. The following year he removed to Newcastle, where he opened a branch store, and he also became identified with the banking business, organizing the First National Bank, of which he was made cashier. In 1904 he was elected to the presidency of the institution and has since served in that capacity. His activities in the field of banking have constantly extended and, he is now also president of the Bank of Upton. His wide experience and close study have given him thorough familiarity with all phases of the banking business and he most carefully safeguards the interests of depositors by the methods which he follows in the management of the institutions of which he is the head. He is also extensively engaged in the live stock business in Weston county and is heavily interested in oil development work in the state.

In politics Mr. Baird is a stalwart republican and has served as county treasurer of Crook county, filling the position from 1887 until 1889. He was also county treasurer of Weston county from 1899 until 1903 and for eight years served as a member of the city council of Newcastle. In 1905 he was elected to represent his district in the Wyoming state senate, where he served for a four years' term, and in 1911 he was made the candidate of his party for the office of state treasurer, to which he was elected and thus became custodian of the public funds of the commonwealth for four years. Over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil and his efficiency has been of great worth to the state. Fraternally Mr. Baird is a thirty-second degree Mason, holding membership in Wyoming Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., of Cheyenne, and he is also identified with Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Sheridan. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge and also to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and his pronounced traits of character are those which make for personal popularity as well as for public prominence.

CASSIUS M. EBY.

Cassius M. Eby is a prominent attorney of Laramie to whom opportunity has ever been the call to action. With no special advantages at the outset of his career, he turned his face toward the future, and imbued with a laudable ambition, he has advanced steadily toward the goal of success, making for himself a creditable place in the ranks of the legal profession in his adopted state.

Mr. Eby comes to Wyoming from the middle west, his birth having occurred in Cass county, Michigan, July 31, 1862. His father, Peter Eby, was a native of Ohio and a representative of one of the old families of that state of Swiss origin. In the latter part of the sixteenth century his ancestors emigrated from Switzerland to Germany and thence made their way into England, whence came the founder of the American branch of the family, Theodorus Eby, who arrived in the new world about 1725 and settled in Pennsylvania. The great-great-grandfather of Cassius M. Eby was a soldier of the American army in the Revolutionary war. His descendants became early settlers of Virginia and also of Stark county, Ohio. Peter Eby, the father, was born in the latter state and removed thence to Michigan when a youth of eighteen years. He followed agricultural pursuits in Michigan and was quite successful in the conduct of his farm. His political endorsement was given to the whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the republican party and became one of its active supporters. He died in Cass county, Michigan, in October, 1892, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret Miller and was also a native of Ohio, of German descent. She

became the mother of three children, of whom a daughter died in infancy. The brother, Elias Eby, is a resident of Boulder, Colorado.

The other member of the family is Cassius M. Eby of this review, who began his education in the rural schools of Michigan and pursued his more advanced literary course in the Valparaiso (Ind.) University, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1889 and with the Bachelor of Science degree in 1887. He also won the LL. B. degree in 1891, having completed a course in the law department of the University of Valparaiso, supplemented by post-graduate work in the University of Michigan. His early life to the age of eighteen years was spent upon his father's farm and his first essay in professional activity was made in the schoolroom. He devoted four years to the profession of teaching in the schools of Cass county, Michigan, and after preparing for the bar entered upon the active practice of law, opening an office in Cassopolis, Michigan, where he remained until 1903. He then removed to the west, settling first in Boulder, Colorado, where he remained until 1910, when he went to Laramie, where he has since remained in active and continuous practice. His position at the bar is a recognized one. He prepares his cases with thoroughness and skill, and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial. During the eight years of his connection with the Laramie bar he has been accorded a very gratifying clientage. He belongs to the Wyoming State Bar Association and enjoys the goodwill and high regard of his colleagues in the profession.

In Cass county, Michigan, in 1883, Mr. Eby was united in marriage to Miss Eva Shelhamer, a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Dibble) Shelhamer, who belonged to one of the old pioneer families of Michigan. To Mr. and Mrs. Eby were born three children: LeRoy, now deceased; Eugene D.; and Mabel Evelyn, the wife of A. R. Lauk, whom she married on the 12th of August, 1917. All of the children were born in Michigan. Having lost his first wife by death, Mr. Eby was again married, April 21, 1913, in Hutchinson, Kansas, his second union being with Miss Estelle Hitchcox, a native of Michigan and a daughter of Harvey and Emorette Hitchcox. The Hitchcoxs were also one of the pioneer families of the Wolverine state. The father of Mrs. Eby is now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Eby is a republican and while living in Michigan he served for six years, from 1892 until 1898, as circuit court commissioner and was also prosecuting attorney of Cass county from 1896 until 1900. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons. He became a member of Baccus Lodge, F. & A. M., and also of Kingsbury Chapter, R. A. M., in Michigan, and he is a member of the Eastern Star in Laramie. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church, in which he has served as a trustee and as deacon. For four years he filled the position of superintendent of the Sunday school and in religious work he has taken a very active and helpful part, doing all in his power to promote the growth of the church and extend its influence. His life is actuated by its teachings and therefore his entire career has measured up to high standards.

L. W. CLELLAND.

L. W. Clelland, filling the office of county clerk of Converse county and making his home in Douglas, was born in Ohio on the 13th of December, 1847, a son of William A. and Betsy (Ricketts) Clelland. The father was a cabinet maker by trade and in 1849 he left his Ohio home en route for Council Bluffs, Iowa, after which he was never heard from again. His wife died when their son, L. W., was three months old. The boy was thus left an orphan when but two years of age. He pursued his education in the public schools of Ohio and at an early age went to work on a farm, being thus employed until he came to

the west in 1881. Attracted by the opportunities which he believed might be secured in this section of the country, he made his way to Wyoming, settling at Wagon Hound creek, where he turned his attention to stock raising. In this venture, however, he lost all that he had saved. Undiscouraged, he nevertheless started again in the live stock business and is making good in the undertaking. Losses at times seem a great blow but in reality may be counted a substantial gain, for in addition to the strength and capability which the individual previously possessed he adds an experience that has been a valuable asset and the new combination of strength, capability and experience oftentimes constitutes the broad foundation upon which is built substantial success. Thus it has proven in the case of Mr. Clelland and by determined effort, perseverance and capable management he has steadily worked his way upward, being today one of the substantial residents of Converse county.

His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have several times called Mr. Clelland to positions of trust and responsibility. In 1902 he was chosen county treasurer and occupied the position for four years. In 1906 he was elected to the office of county clerk and served in that capacity for four years. In 1910 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature and in 1912 became the candidate of his party for the state senate but lost the election by a single vote. In 1916 he was once more elected county clerk, a fact indicative of the confidence and trust reposed in him by the people of his home county, who had tested his ability, efficiency and his devotion to the general good.

On the 25th of February, 1873, Mr. Clelland was united in marriage to Miss Olive L. Guthrie. Fraternally he is a Mason and has attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he has been found true and loyal to every trust reposed in him. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, entertain for him warm personal regard by reason of his social nature, his genial disposition and his many admirable traits of character.

ALEXANDER KEMP DE JARNETTE, M. D.

Although a comparatively young man Dr. Alexander Kemp De Jarnette has already made for himself a recognized place among the physicians and surgeons of Sheridan, Wyoming, where he is now located, enjoying a gratifying practice. Dr. De Jarnette well merits the clientage which is accorded him, for while undertaking his medical studies he has seriously occupied himself with the problems of the profession and has become efficient along lines of general medicine.

He is a Missourian by birth, his native city being Rich Hill, where he was born January 31, 1889, a son of James Kemp and Nancy Florence De Jarnette. After having completed his preliminary studies he entered the University of Louisville with the intention of making the practice of medicine his life work and became a student in the medical department of that university at Louisville, Kentucky. On June 8, 1916, he received his degree and subsequently located in Sheridan, considering that the great west of this country would hold for a young physician greater opportunities than the east. Although Dr. De Jarnette has been established in Wyoming for only a few years he has made for himself a respected place in the profession, for he always closely follows the highest ethics and standards of the same. His colleagues have readily welcomed him among them and the general public has come to know him and many have sought his services, which have always been rendered efficiently. He has remained a student and is interested in the latest discoveries and procedures along medical lines and keeps in contact with these through reading and also by attending experimental cases. He brings to bear upon the investigations and solutions of professional problems a highly trained intellect and skill in scientific

thinking, and his earnest efforts have borne fruit, for while he has gained a number of grateful patients whom he has successfully treated, he has also established and added to his professional prestige.

Dr. De Jarnette is a democrat and gives faithful support to the candidates and measures of the party. He has, however, never sought political office for himself, preferring to give his time to his professional duties. In the professional and social circles of Sheridan he is decidedly a welcome addition and although he has been located here for only a comparatively short time he has already gained a great many friends, who appreciate him for his sterling qualities of character and the interest which he takes in all measures which are undertaken for the moral, mental and material betterment of the community.

DAVID ALLEN REAVILL.

Wyoming has reason to be proud of the high rank of her bench and bar. Her attorneys, well trained, have on the whole maintained high professional standards and their ability would enable them to cross swords in forensic combat with the ablest lawyers in any section of the country. Moreover, this is a profession in which advancement must depend upon individual merit, and that David Allen Reavill has steadily advanced is due to his comprehensive knowledge of the law and ability to accurately apply its principles to the points in litigation.

He was born in Flat Rock, Illinois, May 11, 1865, a son of A. J. and Martha A. (Seaney) Reavill. The father was likewise born in Illinois and was of French descent. The grandfather was David Reavill, a descendant of a French soldier who came with Marquis de Lafayette to America to aid the colonists in their struggle for independence. Pleased with the country and its prospects, he took up his abode in Delaware and his descendants have since been loyal and patriotic citizens of the republic which their ancestor aided in establishing. A. J. Reavill became a successful stock man and farmer of Illinois, where he resided throughout his entire life, passing away at Flat Rock on the 13th of March, 1898, at the age of sixty-four years. In politics he was a staunch democrat and figured as one of the leaders of his party in the state, and for twelve years he represented his district in the house of representatives and in the senate of the general assembly of Illinois. He was one of the active workers who placed John M. Palmer in the United States senate. He was also a prominent representative of Masonry in early life, taking a helpful part in promoting the interests of the craft. His wife was a native of Crawford, Illinois, and a daughter of John A. Seaney, who became one of the early settlers of Crawford county, where he took up his abode about 1817, the year before the admission of the state into the Union. The maternal ancestors came from North Carolina and were of Irish lineage. The death of Mrs. A. J. Reavill occurred in the old home in Illinois in 1903, when she had reached the age of sixty-five years. She had become the mother of nine children, five of whom are still living, namely: John D., a resident farmer of Crawford county, Illinois; Charles McClellan, who also follows farming in that county; David A., of this review; Palmer Seymour, who is living in St. Louis, Missouri, and is now connected with the Brown Shoe Company but was formerly engaged in the practice of law; and Dora, the wife of Professor Melville T. Cook, professor of biology in Hanover University at New Brunswick, New Jersey.

David Allen Reavill was educated in the district schools near Flat Rock, Illinois, and spent two years in the preparatory department and four years in the collegiate department of De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1887, winning the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Philosophy. He afterward took up the study of law in the office of Ex-Governor Palmer of Illinois, of whom his father was a warm personal friend. For a year he continued his reading under Governor Palmer at Springfield and for a similar period was a student in the law school of the State University of Michigan,



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after which he was admitted to the bar in Wyoming in 1889 and entered upon active practice at Rock Springs, where he has since actively followed his profession save for a period of four years, from 1893 until 1897, when he was a resident of Logan, Utah, where he engaged in law practice. He first came to Rock Springs, January 19, 1889, and with the exception of the interval indicated has been continuously identified with the work of the courts. His clientage is extensive and of an important character and he has been connected with many of the leading cases which have been tried in this section of the state. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness, never failing to give a careful study of every question relative to the points in litigation, and his presentation of his cause is always strong, logical and convincing. His arguments never fail to impress court and jury and seldom fail to gain the verdict desired.

On the 14th of January, 1892, Mr. Reavill was married in Robinson, Illinois, to Miss Claudia Olwin, a native of that state and a daughter of Judge Jacob C. and Anna Olwin, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Reavill have become parents of two children: Tobey Olwin, born in Robinson, Illinois, September 29, 1892, a graduate of Harvard College, in 1916; and Robb Afton, born in Logan, Utah, November 30, 1893. She graduated from Wellesley College in 1918.

Politically Mr. Reavill is an earnest democrat and has taken an active part in politics, greatly desiring the success of his party because of his firm belief in its principles as factors in good government. He stands for all those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride and has cooperated in many movements which have been of great benefit to the community. He served as city attorney of Logan, Utah, for two years, has been city attorney of Rock Springs and was county attorney for Sweetwater county for three terms, covering a period of six years. In 1899 he served for a short term as state senator from Sweetwater county but was unseated on contest. He belongs to the Phi Kappa Psi and he is identified with the Wyoming State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. In his profession he has made a most creditable record, holding to high standards, careful at all times to conform his practice to the advanced ethics of law work.

HON. J. ROSS CARPENTER.

Hon. J. Ross Carpenter is actively and prominently identified with important business and public interests. He is the president of the Federal Land Company and also of the Carpenter Live Stock Company of Cheyenne. At the same time he has been a director of public thought and opinion as one of the leading representatives of the democratic party in Wyoming and he is representing his state on the democratic national committee.

He was born near Monmouth, Illinois, on the 7th of August, 1867, a son of George D. and Margery (Pollock) Carpenter. The father was a Kentuckian by birth, while the mother was a native of Ohio. George D. Carpenter removed to Indian Territory, where he passed the remainder of his days. His family numbered two sons and two daughters.

J. Ross Carpenter, who was the third in order of birth, acquired his education in the public schools of Illinois and of southern Kansas and also in Monmouth College of Monmouth, Illinois, while later he became a law student in the National University at Lebanon, Ohio. Returning to the west, he engaged in ranching in western Kansas from 1887 until 1901 and in the following year he turned his attention to the land business and to live stock raising, making his headquarters at Des Moines, Iowa. There he continued until 1906 and during that period he also engaged extensively in handling timber lands in both the north and south. In 1906 he removed from Des Moines to Wyoming, taking up his abode near Burns. In 1905 the Federal Land Company was organized and in 1909 the Live Stock Company was formed. Of both of these companies

J. Ross Carpenter has been president and general manager since their organization. The Federal Land Company acquired one hundred and forty-six thousand acres of land, which they sold to settlers, thus bringing many people to Wyoming and greatly advancing the permanent development of the state. This company founded the towns of Burns and of Carpenter and has ever put forth effective effort to promote the welfare and upbuilding of the district in which it has operated. Mr. Carpenter takes a special interest in the breeding of shorthorn cattle and of Percheron horses, and his business interests in that direction have become extensive and important, contributing much to the improvement of the grade of stock raised in the state. In 1910 he removed to Cheyenne, where his home has since been maintained.

On the 15th of September, 1887, Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Russell, a daughter of the Rev. W. H. Russell, of Henderson county, Illinois. Their children are: Arthur R., who is engaged in business with his father; Minnie, the wife of Captain Frank G. Clark of the United States Army, by whom she has one child, Frank G., Jr.; and Betty, born in May, 1907, who is now a pupil in the public school at Cheyenne.

In his political views Mr. Carpenter has always been a democrat and from 1911 until 1915 he served as a member of the Wyoming state senate, during which period he was connected with much constructive legislation having to do with the advancement of various material interests of the state. Since 1910 he has been a member of the national democratic congressional committee from Wyoming and he was chairman of the democratic county central committee of Laramie county from 1914 until 1916. He has served as secretary of the state board of farm commissioners and he is interested in all that has to do with the upbuilding of the region in which he makes his home. He belongs to the Industrial Club and at all times he can be counted upon to further any plan or project for the general good. His purposes will bear close investigation and his actions always measure up to high standards.

JUSTICE WILLIS VAN DEVANTER.

One of those who have reflected honor upon the state of Wyoming is Willis Van Devanter, justice of the supreme court of the United States. He was born at Marion, Indiana, on the 17th of April, 1859, and is a son of Hon. Isaac and Violetto Maria (Spencer) Van Devanter. His father was for many years a distinguished and successful lawyer in Indiana.

Justice Van Devanter received his education in the public schools of his native town and in Asbury (now De Pauw) University and in the law school of Cincinnati College, graduating from the latter with the class of 1881. He received the degree of LL. D. from his alma mater (De Pauw University) in 1911.

Justice Van Devanter practiced his profession at Marion, Indiana, from 1881 until 1884, associated with his father and Hon. John W. Lacey, afterward chief justice of the supreme court of Wyoming. Attracted by the opportunities of the west, he came to Cheyenne in July, 1884, and at once entered upon active practice and has ever since made his home in the state save as his official duties have temporarily taken him elsewhere. It was he who, in 1886, drafted the bill under which the capitol building in Cheyenne was erected, the University at Laramie started and other state institutions established. His practice in Wyoming was very extensive, taking him into every county. At that time many of the county seats were remote from railroads, so that he was often required to make long journeys by stage coach. He was associated in practice from 1887 until 1889 with Hon. Charles N. Potter, now chief justice of the supreme court of Wyoming, and from 1891 until 1897 with Hon. John W. Lacey.

It was but natural that a man of his capacity, learning, ability and public



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spirit should be called upon for public service. In 1886 Justice Van Devanter was appointed by the governor of the state as a member of the commission which prepared and published the Revised Statutes of 1887. In the latter year he was made city attorney of Cheyenne and in 1888 was elected a member of the territorial house of representatives, acting as chairman of the judiciary committee. In August, 1889, President Harrison appointed him chief justice of the supreme court of Wyoming, in which office he served until statehood. While chief justice of the territory he was the trial judge of the first judicial district, embracing the counties of Laramie, Crook, Converse and Weston as they then existed. He presided at the first term of court ever held in Weston county and at that term presided at the trial of a man who was convicted for shooting Hon. Frank W. Mondell, then mayor of Newcastle and now representative in congress. At the first state election he became chief justice of the supreme court of the state but soon afterward resigned to resume the active practice of the law.

Justice Van Devanter has always been a keen and intelligent observer of the things taking place in the world. His outlook has always been broad. He has appreciated and understood the tendencies of his time. He took an active interest in political affairs. He served as chairman of the republican state committee from 1892 until 1895, was a delegate to the national republican convention and a member of the republican national committee in 1896. He became assistant attorney general of the United States and was assigned to the interior department, thus serving from 1897 until 1903. In the latter year he became United States circuit judge for the eighth circuit and remained upon that bench for seven years. In December, 1910, he was appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the United States by President Taft and took his seat in that court on the 3d of January.

On the 10th of October, 1883, Justice Van Devanter was united in marriage to Miss Dollie Burhans, a daughter of Winslow Paige and Rachel Ann (Dorman) Burhans, of Ionia, Michigan. They have two sons, Isaac and Winslow, who are now serving as officers in the war with Germany. Justice Van Devanter is a man of marked personal characteristics who has the faculty of placing anyone in his presence at ease. The simplicity and beauty of his daily life, as seen in his home and family relations, constitute an even balance to his splendid judicial ability and characteristics.

CHARLES G. KENDALL.

One of the best known and most popular residents of Sweetwater county, Wyoming, is Charles G. Kendall, of Rock Springs, who is a member of the state senate and is also an active factor in commercial circles of his city, being president and manager of the National Clothing Company, a business which he has developed to large and gratifying proportions and which receives the patronage of the best class of citizens in this section of the state.

Charles G. Kendall is a native of Wisconsin. He was born April 13, 1877, a son of Nelson and Agnes Kendall, who were also natives of the Badger state, the former of Irish descent, while the latter was of German lineage. They remained residents of Wisconsin during their entire lives. The father followed the occupation of farming, devoting his attention always to that pursuit save during the period of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused by the attempt to overthrow the Union and he joined the army, serving with a Wisconsin regiment at the front during the period of hostilities between the north and the south. He died in the year 1889 and is still survived by his wife, who is a resident of Wisconsin. In their family were eight children: Mrs. Max Brown; Rev. William Kendall; Frederick; Otto, who is now with the United States Navy; Bertha; Mrs. Josephine Miller; and Mrs. Leona Smelser.

Charles G. Kendall was the fourth in order of birth of this family and in

his boyhood days he attended the public schools of his native state. He started out in the business world at an early age, being employed along mercantile lines at Richland Center, Wisconsin, where he continued to work until 1898, when the Spanish-American war was inaugurated and he responded to the country's call for troops to render military aid. He became a member of Company A of the Fifteenth Infantry of the United States Volunteers and served throughout the entire period of the war, after which he received an honorable discharge. He then sought the opportunities of the west, making his way to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he secured a position with the Union Pacific Coal Company in the store department. He was thus employed for five years and at the end of that time he secured a position with Beeman & Neuber Mercantile Company, with whom he continued for ten years. In March, 1914, he bought out the National Clothing Company and has since conducted the business, having one of the well equipped men's clothing establishments of Sweetwater county. He carries a large line of ready-to-wear clothing and haberdashery, and his trade has reached gratifying proportions. His store is well stocked and his business methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

On the 26th of March, 1898, Mr. Kendall was united in marriage to Miss Annie Roberts, of Rock Springs, and they have two children. Leona, who was born in Rock Springs in 1900, is now attending school in Los Angeles, California, where she was graduated from the high school. The son, Darwin Kendall, born in Rock Springs in October, 1906, is also in school in Los Angeles. Mr. Kendall has established his family in a most attractive home in that city in order to give his children excellent educational opportunities amid pleasant surroundings.

Fraternally Mr. Kendall is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and for many years has been connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also numbered with the Knights of The Maccabees and is loyal to the teachings of these different organizations and the purposes on which they are based. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has been an active worker in its ranks, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. For eight years he filled the office of city treasurer of Rock Springs, his reelection being proof of his fidelity to duty and the confidence reposed in him by the public. He was then called upon for still more important political service, being elected to the senate, in 1915. As a member of the senate he has given careful and thoughtful consideration to all the vital questions which come up for settlement. He stands loyally for whatever he believes to be for the best interests of the community and the commonwealth at large and he does not hesitate to oppose any measure which he believes to be detrimental to the general welfare. In his public service he has subordinated personal ambition and self-aggrandizement to the general good and has placed the public welfare before partisanship.

HON. HUGH L. PATTON.

On the records of official service in Natrona county appears the name of Hon. Hugh L. Patton, who is filling the position of sheriff and who has occupied many other places of public honor and trust, at one time representing his district in the legislature.

He was born in Detroit, Michigan, July 20, 1861, a son of Thomas and Agnes (Woodburn) Patton. The father was a native of Ireland, while the mother was born in Ohio, in which state they were married. They afterward removed to Michigan, where the father spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1864. His widow survived him for a very extended period and passed away



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in Kansas in 1909. They were the parents of four children, two of whom are living.

After the death of his father Hugh L. Patton lived with his grandfather until he was ten years of age, at which time he and his mother removed to Iowa, where he largely acquired his education in the common schools. In 1878, when a youth of seventeen years, he went to New Mexico, where he remained until 1882. He then went to the territory of Washington and in 1883 he arrived in Buffalo, Wyoming, having since lived in this state. In 1889 he removed to Casper, where he now makes his home, and with the development and progress of the city he has been closely, actively and helpfully associated. He was the first city marshal of Casper, occupying that position for a year, and again was called upon to aid in preserving public peace and order, being elected county sheriff in 1894 for a four years' term. He served until 1898 and then resigned in order to aid his country, which had become involved in war with Spain. He went to the front as a first lieutenant of Company K of the Second Volunteer Cavalry, with which he was connected for six months. On the expiration of that period he returned to Casper and in 1908 his fellow townsmen called upon him to represent them in the state legislature, where he served for one term. In 1912 he was appointed United States marshal of Wyoming. He made a most creditable record during his two years' incumbency in that office and in the fall of 1914 he was again chosen for the position of sheriff, in which capacity he is now serving, having for a third time been called to this office, the duties of which he has ever discharged with promptness and fidelity. He has also served as a member of the city council and has exercised his official prerogatives in support of many well devised plans and measures for the city's improvement and the upholding of civic standards. He has always voted with the republican party, being an untiring worker in its ranks because of his firm belief in its principles as factors in good government. Aside from his official duties Mr. Patton is well known as a business man, being extensively interested in the sheep and cattle industry in Wyoming. His landed possessions are large and important and along these lines he is contributing in substantial measure to the material development of the state.

In 1891 Mr. Patton was united in marriage to Miss Belle Stroud, who was born in Nebraska, and they have become parents of two daughters: Laura, who died at the age of thirteen years; and Irma, who is a graduate of the Casper high school and is now a college student in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Patton and her daughter are members of the Episcopal church.

Fraternally Mr. Patton is an Elk, an Odd Fellow and a Mason and in the last named organization he has taken the degrees of both lodge and chapter. He exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations thereby imposed. He is today widely known as one of the prominent public figures in Natrona county, his activities having much to do with shaping its history and directing its policy. He is actuated in all that he does by a marked public spirit and Casper numbers him among her most valued residents.

PETER GORDON, JR.

Peter Gordon, Jr., who is serving for the second term as mayor of Kemmerer, was born in Elginshire, Scotland, on the 6th of October, 1871. His father, Peter Gordon, was also a native of the land of hills and heather and in the year 1872 he sailed with his family for the new world. For a few years he resided in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, and then removed to Canada, whence he eventually came to Wyoming, arriving in this state in 1885. He first located in that section of Uinta county which eventually became Lincoln county and there he was connected with railroad interests, being active along that line

of business until 1888. He then turned his attention to merchandising, in which he was actively engaged for a number of years, and is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he richly merits and well deserves. He still makes his home in Kemmerer and has reached the age of seventy-four years, but his wife passed away at Fossil, Wyoming, in June, 1898. In their family were five children, James, Mrs. Maggie Watson, Mrs. Elsie Collipriest and Mrs. Annie Hanak.

The youngest of the family is Peter Gordon of this review, who in his boyhood days attended the public schools of Ontario, Canada, until he reached the age of fourteen years, when he came with his parents to Wyoming. In this state he entered railroad service and later embarked in business with his father at Fossil, where he continued for some time in mercantile lines. He arrived in Kemmerer in 1902 and established a retail liquor business, which he has since successfully conducted.

On the 19th of December, 1892, at American Falls, Idaho, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Robinson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robinson of that place. They have become parents of nine children, five of whom are living: Marie, who was born in Pocatello, Idaho, in 1897, and is a graduate of the high school of Kemmerer; Josephine, who was born in Pocatello in 1899 and is now a second year pupil in the high school; Thelma, who was born in Kemmerer, in 1905; James, born in McCammon, Idaho, in 1903; and Agnes, born in Kemmerer in 1908.

Mr. Gordon has been quite active in community affairs and is serving as vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, heartily cooperating in its plans and purposes for the upbuilding of the city and the extension and improvement of its trade conditions and relations. For five years he filled the office of city clerk and was then elected mayor of Kemmerer, in which position he made so creditable a record that he was reelected and is now serving for the second term. He stands very high in business and political circles and is known as a representative citizen, alert to every interest that tends to advance the welfare and promote the growth of his municipality.

JOSEPH R. SULLIVAN.

Joseph R. Sullivan has engaged in the practice of law in Laramie since 1910 but has been an active representative of the bar in Wyoming since 1908, following his admission to the bar subsequent to his graduation from law school. He was born in O'Neill, Nebraska, June 20, 1880, a son of James and Johanna (Dunn) Sullivan, both of whom were natives of Ireland and came to America in childhood, settling first in Michigan, where they were reared and married. They afterward removed to Nebraska, becoming pioneer settlers of O'Neill, Holt county. They made the trip overland to that state and the father became a very active factor in the upbuilding and development of the section in which he settled, being regarded as one of its most respected and valued citizens. He died in Holt county in 1904, but is still survived by his widow, who yet makes her home in O'Neill.

Joseph R. Sullivan, who was the seventh in order of birth in a family of ten children, attended the schools of O'Neill and was graduated from the high school. Desiring to enter upon a professional career, he then became a student in the Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska, in which he pursued his more specifically literary course, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1904. He then entered upon the study of law and was graduated from the law department in 1908. He located for practice in Casper, Wyoming, where he remained during 1908 and then removed to Cheyenne, continuing as a member of the bar of that city for eighteen months. In 1910 he arrived in Laramie, where he opened an office, and in the intervening period he has steadily advanced until he now occupies a position of leadership among the attorneys of Wyoming. In connection

with his law practice he is a director of the Laramie-Albany Mutual Building Association.

On the 29th of November, 1909, in Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage to Miss Amy Burn, a daughter of Bernard and Anna Burn, who were early residents of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have become the parents of three children: Joseph, who was born in Laramie in 1911; John, in 1913; and Bernard, in 1915. The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

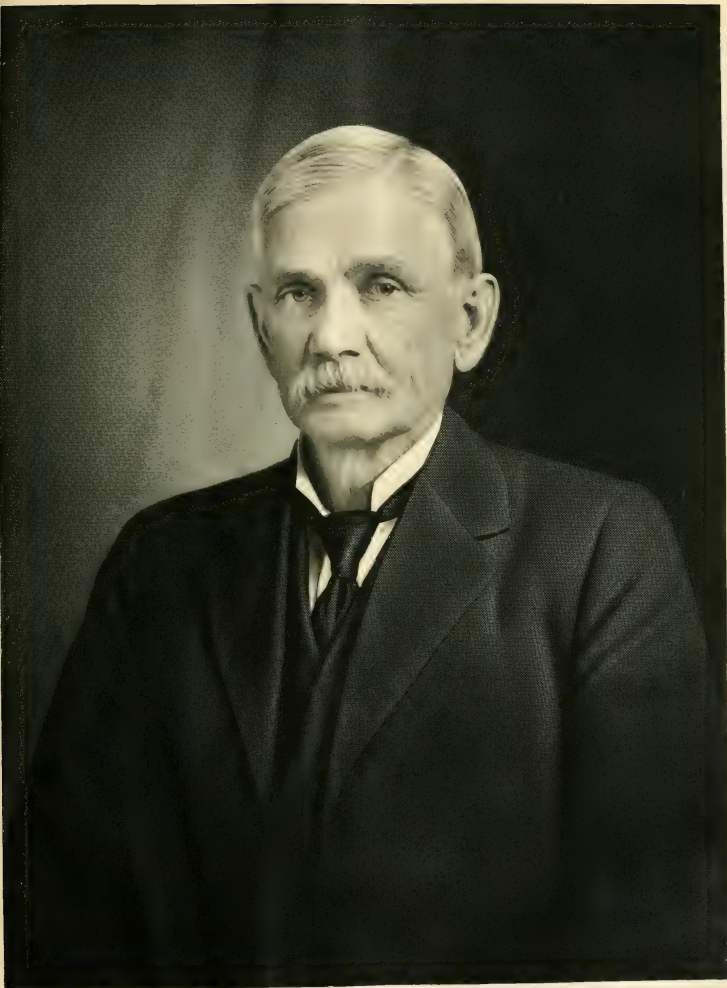
In politics Mr. Sullivan is a democrat and served as a member of the house of representatives during the twelfth general assembly. He has been prosecuting attorney since 1916 and is recognized as one of the active democratic leaders of Albany county and of the state. He has done splendid work in the legislature, in which he is now serving for the second term, giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital questions which have come up for settlement. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is one of the directors, and there is no plan or movement for the benefit of the city which does not receive his endorsement and cooperation.

HON. WILLIAM HELMUS HOLLIDAY.

No biography such as this work defines in its essential limitations can serve to offer fit memorial to the achievements of William Helmus Holliday, who through the period of his residence in Wyoming, covering a half century, has been most closely associated with the commercial and political development of the state and with many important events which have figured prominently in connection with its annals. Strong and purposeful, forceful and resourceful, Mr. Holliday has directed his efforts along lines which have contributed not alone to individual success but also to the welfare and development of his state.

He was born in Green township, Hamilton county, Ohio, May 21, 1843, a son of Eli and Annetta (Bogart) Holliday. The father was also a native of Green township, Hamilton county, while the mother was born on Long Island. This Holliday family was among the early settlers of that section of Ohio, the first of them to locate there being John Holliday, the grandfather of William H. Holliday. The family floated down the Ohio river on a flatboat—a common means of travel in that period, making the trip in 1810, in which year they took up their abode in Hamilton county. They disembarked at Cincinnati and he took up land on what was known as the Symmes Purchase. Eli Holliday emigrated westward from Ohio in 1858, accompanied by his family, and settled in Douglas county, Illinois. In 1863 he removed to Jackson county, that state, and subsequently became a pioneer settler of Wyoming, where his death occurred in 1868. His widow long survived him and passed away in Laramie in 1893.

They were parents of a family of six children, of whom William H. Holliday was the second in order of birth. He spent the first fifteen years of his life in his native state and then accompanied his parents on their removal westward. He remained under the parental roof until 1865, when he left the family home, then in Jackson county, Illinois, and started for Colorado. He spent about two years in the Rocky mountains, in the vicinity of Denver, and in September, 1867, joined a sawmill outfit going to what is now Albany county, Wyoming, an outfit owned by the firm of Mason & Allen, of Fort Collins, Colorado, and to be used in getting out lumber to aid in the building of Fort Russell. The sawmill was located a few miles south of Sherman, on Dale creek. This work of Mr. Holliday marked the beginning of his connection with the lumber business, which in 1870 he entered on his own account as a lumber manufacturer, remaining in the vicinity of Sherman until 1873, when he took up his residence in Laramie, where he has since resided. He is prominently known



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as one of the foremost business men in the state along the line to which his activity has led. He is now the president of the W. H. Holliday Company, in which connection he has developed one of the foremost manufacturing, building and merchandising interests in Wyoming. This company, from a modest beginning, has had a remarkable growth, due to capable management and an extremely high standard of commercial integrity that has always been maintained. The activities of Mr. Holliday in other fields have also contributed to industrial and commercial progress, constituting large elements in the upbuilding of city and commonwealth. He has bent his efforts to administrative direction and executive control and has carefully guided the destinies of various business projects, avoiding all unwarranted risks which lead to failure and carefully utilizing those qualities which safeguard every business undertaking.

On the 5th of May, 1869, Mr. Holliday was united in marriage to Miss Emily R. Coykendall, of Fort Scott, Kansas, who passed away in Laramie, June 19, 1887. He afterward wedded Sarah E. East, of Laramie, on the 20th of February, 1897. The children born of the first marriage are: Catharine, the wife of H. R. Butler, of Laramie; Guy R., who is manager of the hardware department for the W. H. Holliday Company and who married Mayme Kennedy, of Laramie; Albert E., who has charge of the furniture department of the W. H. Holliday Company and who married Mary George, by whom he has three children, W. H., Lucy E. and Albert E.; Lois E., who is the wife of L. E. Chandler, of Laramie; Elizabeth C., who gave her hand in marriage to Harry George, of Laramie, and they now reside in Pullman, Washington; Ruth, a resident of California; and Margaret, the wife of Carl Raife, of Rawlins, Wyoming. By his second wife Mr. Holliday has two daughters, Mary Ethel and Helen East, both of whom are students in the University of Wyoming.

Mr. Holliday has figured very prominently in the public life of the community, and has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions. In 1871 he was defeated when a candidate for the state legislature but in 1873 was elected a member of the lower house and in 1875 received endorsement of his first term's service in the general assembly in an election to the territorial council. Again in 1877, in 1884 and in 1888 he was elected to represent his district in that same body and in 1880 he was defeated on a tie vote. He was a candidate for delegate to congress in 1882. He was made a delegate to Washington in 1890 to assist Judge J. M. Carey then delegate in congress in procuring statehood for Wyoming and in this mission was successful. In 1892 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate, where he served until 1896. He was again chosen to that office in 1908 and served until 1916. In 1894 he was the democratic candidate for governor, the republicans carrying the state in that year. He was a member of the democratic national committee from 1896 until 1900 and he was a delegate to the democratic national convention at Denver in 1908. In 1904 he was made a member of the Wyoming commission at the St. Louis exposition and he is again representing his district in the upper house of the general assembly. He has been president of the Carnegie Library Association ever since it was organized and with every worthy project for the upbuilding and development of his city and his state he has been closely and helpfully associated. The record of few men in public life in Wyoming has extended over so long a period and none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation. He has been guided by the highest sense of conscientious obligation in the performance of his public duties, ever placing the general welfare before partisanship and the benefit of the state before personal aggrandizement. He has always been a warm friend and strong advocate of better education, never failing to act as a champion to any movement or measure having for its object the betterment or improvement of the schools, and he was for eight years chairman of the senate committee on education. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason.

As a business man his ready adaptability, his recognition and utilization of opportunities and his keen sagacity have figured in placing him in the front

ranks of successful manufacturers and merchants, and although he has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey, he yet remains an active factor in the commercial world, being the head of the W. H. Holliday Company of Laramie and thus controlling one of the most important manufacturing and merchandising interests of the state.

JOSEPH B. MARTIN.

Joseph B. Martin, who is filling the position of county clerk in Uinta county, has a notable record of successful achievement—the result of indefatigable effort and untiring industry. Innumerable difficulties and obstacles have confronted him as he has progressed along life's highway but in the end he has come off conqueror and is today one of the most valued and representative citizens of his section of the state.

He was born in Nottingham, England, June 24, 1849, and is a son of Joseph and Martha (Wilson) Martin. The father remained in his native land to the time of his death, which occurred in 1850, and had engaged in mining. The mother remained a resident of England until 1880 and then crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making her way to Utah, where she took up her abode at Woods Cross. She had but two children, the daughter being Mrs. Mary H. Vincent, now living in Salt Lake City.

Joseph B. Martin was the elder child and at the age of ten years, when other boys were devoting their time and attention to the mastery of the branches of learning taught in the public schools, he was at work in the coal mines and up to the time that he reached the age of thirty-three years he was unable to read or write his own name. Coming to realize the value, the need and importance of an education, he began buying books and studying. He mastered the alphabet and continued his studies until he is now a man of liberal education, keeping in touch through broad reading with the leading questions of the day. While engaged in pursuing his studies he continued his work in various capacities in connection with coal mining and his increasing ability won him advancement until step by step he worked his way upward, serving as mine boss, as fire boss and in other connections with mining operations for forty-three years. He had come to America from England in 1881 and made his way westward to Evanston, Wyoming. He began to work in mines at Almy, Wyoming, and after a time took up land but never gave much time to ranching. Gradually he acquired a competence rising to better positions and then entered public life, and his achievements should serve to encourage and inspire others who must start out as he did without advantages of any kind. His career proves that the road to advancement is ever open to the man of energy and ambition and his record proves that while success tauntingly plays before the dreamer and slips away from the slug-gard, it yields to the man of resolute purpose.

In February, 1873, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Ann West, of South Normanton, Derbyshire, England, a daughter of Joseph and Selina (Ball) West, who spent their entire lives in England. The death of Mrs. Martin occurred September 22, 1917, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret among her many friends as well as to her immediate family. By her marriage she had become the mother of thirteen children, of whom four have passed away. The others are: Jose M., who was born in England in 1880 and was educated in the public schools of Uinta county, Wyoming, and in the Agricultural College of Utah. He is now married, resides upon a ranch in Uinta county and has seven children. Mary H., born in England, was educated in the schools of Wyoming, is the wife of Alvin Hutchinson and has six children. Selina, born in England in 1881, attended the schools of Uinta county, Wyoming, has become the wife of James E. Peterson and has six children. John W. is married and has five children. George, born in Almy, Wyoming, is married

and has two children. Mrs. Alice Whittaker, also born in Almy, has one child. Thomas E., born in Uinta county, is now in the national army. Louis, born in Uinta county, is in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Annie is acting as housekeeper for her father. Of the four children who have passed away three died in infancy and Minnie, who was born in 1874, died in Uinta county in 1884.

Mr. Martin is a leading member of the Mormon church in Evanston and has held high positions in the church, in the work of which he is actively and helpfully interested. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he served as justice of the peace at Almy. In 1904 he was elected county treasurer and occupied that position for four years and was again elected in 1910 and served another term of four years. In 1914 he was elected county clerk of Uinta county and is now serving for the second term in that position. His frequent reelection to office indicates his marked efficiency, capability and fidelity. He has been a school trustee of districts No. 5 and 20, and his lack of early advantages in that direction has perhaps been the means of making him a most stalwart champion of the public school system. In this connection he does everything in his power to advance the interests of the schools and raise the standards of education. At all times he stands for progress and improvement, and his own life record is indicative of what may be accomplished through individual effort and honorable purpose.

H. P. ALLEN.

Among the efficient officers of Converse county is H. P. Allen, who is now serving on the board of county commissioners and is thus taking active part in shaping the business interests of the county. He is now largely retired from the management of personal business interests although in former years he was connected with various interests. There is no phase of pioneer life in Wyoming with which he is not thoroughly familiar, for he first came to the state as a freighter in the early '80s and engaged in freighting at a period when the work of progress and civilization had scarcely been begun within the borders of the state.

He was born in Virginia, November 25, 1860, a son of Hugh A. and Mary E. (Driscoll) Allen, both of whom have now passed away. In early days the family removed westward to Lawrence, Kansas, where the parents continued to make their home until they were called to their final rest, the father following the occupation of tanning. In the family were two children, H. P. Allen having a sister.

In the public schools of Kansas, H. P. Allen began his education, but he had to go to work when a boy and since that time has depended entirely upon his own resources, being indeed a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term. He made his way to the west when sixteen years of age, taking up his abode at Denver, Colorado, after which he engaged in freighting to Wyoming. He was identified with the freighting business in this state until 1887, making trips between Rockcreek and Buffalo, Wyoming. In that year he turned his attention to the livery business at Douglas and is still owner of his livery barn, but disposed of his horses and equipment in 1912. While in the livery business he also engaged in ranching, raising stock and sheep for five years, after which he disposed of his interests in that connection. He has made judicious investments in property and from his holdings derives a substantial annual income.

On the 23d of September, 1889, Mr. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Edith McAllister, a native of Illinois. Their marriage was celebrated in Nebraska, although both were living in Douglas at the time. They have become the parents of four children: Verna, who is the wife of R. Swan; Doris, who

is deputy clerk at the courthouse in Douglas; Robert, who is a student in the Wyoming University; and Harvey, who completes the family. There is also one grandchild.

Mr. Allen has on several occasions been called to public office, his fellow townsmen recognizing his efficiency, capability and public spirit. He served as a member of the city council of Douglas for five years and was called to the office of mayor, in which capacity he served for four years, giving to the city a business-like and progressive administration that brought about various practical reforms and resulted in the adoption of progressive measures. He is now serving as county commissioner and is making an excellent record in this position. The Wyoming that he knows today is in sharp contrast with the Wyoming with which he became familiar in the early '80s. At that time not a railroad had penetrated into this region, the Indians were numerous, the white settlers few and the most farsighted could not have dreamed of the changes which were to occur as the seeds of civilization were planted on the western frontier and in time bore rich fruit. He has ever taken an active part in advancing the work of general progress and improvement and well deserves mention among the honored pioneers and valued citizens of Converse county.

HON. A. M. NICHOLS.

Hon. A. M. Nichols, a foremost business man of Newcastle, where he is engaged in general merchandising and is also prominently known as the president of the Newcastle National Bank, was born in Osage, Mitchell county, Iowa, on the 9th of August, 1871, a son of Melvin and Almeda (Cooper) Nichols, both of whom are natives of Illinois, where they were reared and married. Soon afterward they removed to Iowa, settling in Mitchell county, and afterward they became residents of Audubon county, that state, there remaining until April, 1887, when they came to Wyoming, settling at Douglas. Two years afterward they established their home in Sundance and Mr. Nichols, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, has continued to make his home in Sundance to the present time. Four years after he became a resident of that city he resigned from the ministry and for the past quarter of a century has practiced law.

A. M. Nichols was educated in the high school of Audubon, Iowa, returning to that state in order to complete his education. He later took up newspaper work on the Audubon Times and subsequently came to the west for his employers, to work on the Rowdy West, which they established in Douglas, Wyoming. Two years afterward Mr. Nichols joined the force of the Sundance Gazette, with which publication he was identified for three years, and in 1892 he removed to Newcastle, where he purchased an interest in the News-Journal and was identified with the conduct of that paper until 1898. He then took up a homestead in Weston county, which he occupied and cultivated for three years, on the expiration of which period he again became a resident of the city. In 1900 he founded his present mercantile business, which he has developed into one of the most important commercial enterprises of Wyoming. He has a large and splendidly appointed store, carries an extensive line of goods and his patronage has steadily increased. He still retains his ranching interests and in partnership with F. W. Mondell, member of congress, owns the Oil Creek ranch, on which they are extensively engaged in the raising of cattle. Since 1900 Mr. Nichols and Mr. Mondell have been associated in their business operations and for some years were active in the field of railroad construction work. In 1917 Mr. Nichols became the dominant factor in the organization of the Newcastle National Bank, of which he was made president, and already the institution has become one of the strong financial concerns of this section of the state. Its business policy is a substantial one and will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, while the experience of the men at the head of the bank augurs well for its future.



W. W. Nichols

On the 24th of December, 1891, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Miss Orpha Ogden, a daughter of the Rev. David Ogden, who was one of the first preachers to enter the Black Hills. To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have been born four children, three of whom are living: Lloyd A., who is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University and a licensed embalmer and who is the vice president of the A. M. Nichols Supply Company; Dwight O., who is now in the Reserve Officers training camp at Lincoln, Nebraska; and Glen L., who is attending the Newcastle high school.

In politics Mr. Nichols is a republican and that he is a prominent and influential resident of his city is indicated in the fact that he is the present mayor of Newcastle and in 1899-1900 he served as a member of the board of county commissioners. He was elected to represent his district in the state legislature at the fall election of 1908 and served throughout the tenth general assembly, during which time he became widely known as the author of the high license bill. He was connected with much other constructive legislation and at all times stood for progress and improvement in affairs having to do with the welfare and upbuilding of the commonwealth. Fraternally he is connected with Newcastle Lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Cheyenne Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R. He is likewise identified with Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Sheridan, and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Nichols is also connected with Pythagoras Lodge, No. 15, K. P., of Newcastle, and with several minor organizations. He is a member of the Newcastle Commercial Club and is in hearty sympathy with all of its well defined plans and measures to advance the upbuilding of the city and extend its trade relations. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and sterling worth of character has gained Mr. Nichols a foremost position in the regard of his fellow townsmen, while indefatigable enterprise, keen sagacity and sound business judgment have placed him in the front ranks in commercial and financial circles of Weston county.

GILBERT TAYSON.

Gilbert Tayson, filling the office of county treasurer in Lincoln county and a valued and popular resident of Kemmerer, was born at Afton, Wyoming, May 30, 1891, being the sixth in order of birth among the four sons and three daughters who constituted the family of Abraham J. and Hannah (Nield) Tayson. The father is a native of Iowa and a descendant of John Tayson, who came from Wales. Abraham J. Tayson has devoted his life to farming and stock raising and in 1889 removed westward from Iowa to Wyoming, where he engaged extensively in raising stock. In 1916 he served as committeeman from Wyoming on the national democratic committee and is now serving as a member of the central committee of his county. He is quite active in politics and is a man of considerable influence in county and state, his opinions carrying weight among the leaders of the party. His wife, also a native of Iowa, is of English lineage, her parents having been born in London, England, whence they came to the new world and established their home in the Hawkeye state.

Gilbert Tayson became a student in the Fielding Academy at Paris, Idaho, after attending the public schools until 1907. He devoted four years to the mastery of his course in that institution and was then graduated with the class of 1911. His early life was spent upon the home farm and range and he became familiar with all the experiences and duties that fall to the lot of those who engage in general agricultural pursuits or stock raising upon the range. When twenty years of age he started out to earn his own livelihood and his first position after leaving home was that of a salesman with the Burton Mercantile Company of Afton, Wyoming, with whom he remained for two years. He

then went abroad as a missionary of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints and was absent for two and a half years in Great Britain, spending much time in the Nottingham and London districts of England. He, however, practically visited every county in England and Wales, engaged in the work of the church, and his efforts there were a pronounced success. On his return to Afton he was approached by party leaders who wished him to become a candidate on the democratic ticket for the office of county treasurer. He consented and was elected to the office in November, 1916, assuming the duties of the position on the 1st of January, 1917. He has proven a faithful custodian of the public funds and his record is one which deserves and receives the high commendation of the general public. He has always been interested in political and civic problems and has labored persistently and earnestly to advance the general welfare along lines which he believes will work for permanent good.

On the 29th of November, 1916, in the Temple at Salt Lake City, Mr. Tayson was united in marriage to Miss Lita L. McBride, a native of Oakley, Idaho, and a daughter of Aaron and Caroline (Larson) McBride, representatives of one of the old families of Idaho of English descent. The McBrides were very prominent in England, where the ancestral records can be traced back to the tenth century, and such records indicate that the first of the family in England went to that country with William the Conqueror. Mr. and Mrs. Tayson have become the parents of a son, Howard M., who was born in Afton, Wyoming, August 30, 1917.

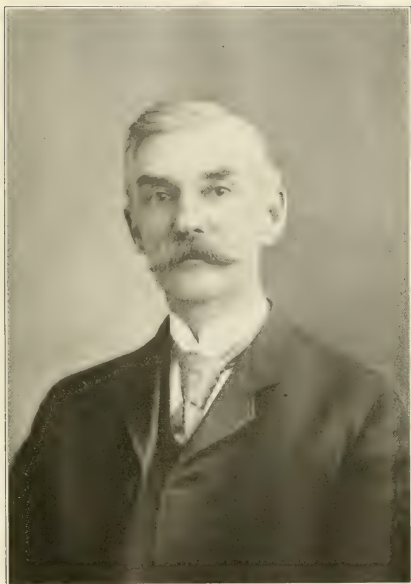
Mr. Tayson is identified with the Chamber of Commerce at Kemmerer and is a supporter of all the well devised plans and purposes of that organization to extend the trade relations of the city and to uphold its interests. He has been a lifelong member of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints and was second counselor to Bishop Reginald Evans of the Kemmerer ward. Widely and favorably known in Lincoln county, he is found loyal to every interest entrusted to his care, whether of a public or private nature, and his many sterling traits of character have gained him the genuine regard and warm friendship of many with whom he has been brought in contact.

CYRUS BEARD.

Cyrus Beard, judge of the supreme court of Wyoming, who upon the bench has proved himself as the peer of the ablest representatives of the court of last resort during the history of the state, was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1850, a son of Thomas and Mary (McKinley) Beard. The father was a farmer by occupation and removed with the family to Iowa in the spring of 1865, spending his remaining days in that state, where he passed away in the eighty-ninth year of his age. His wife is also deceased. In the family were four sons.

Cyrus Beard, the third in order of birth, acquired his education in public and private schools and in the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated in 1874 on the completion of a law course. He first practiced in Washington, Iowa, where he remained until 1878, after which he went to Harlan, Iowa, where he continued until 1890. He then removed to Evanston, Wyoming, and entered into a partnership with former Senator C. D. Clark, and there he resided until 1897, after which he returned to Iowa and engaged in the practice of law in partnership with Governor L. M. Shaw as a member of the firm of Shaw, Kuehnle & Beard. That association was maintained until August, 1900, when Judge Beard took up his abode in Evanston, Wyoming. Locating there he continued in practice from 1900 until 1904. He was elected to the bench in the latter year and entered upon his duties as one of the supreme judges of the state. In 1912 he was reelected to the office, so that his incumbency will continue until January, 1921.

His decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge



CYRUS BEARD

of the law and an unbiased judgment. The judge on the bench fails more frequently perhaps from a deficiency in that broad mindedness which not only comprehends the details of a situation quickly and that insures a complete self-control under even the most exasperating conditions, than from any other cause; and the judge who makes a success in the discharge of his multitudinous delicate duties is a man of well rounded character, finely balanced mind and of splendid intellectual attainments. That Judge Beard is regarded as such a jurist is a uniformly accepted fact, and he well merits the high honor which was conferred upon him by his elevation to the highest court of appeals.

Judge Beard has been married twice. In 1875 he wedded Miss Nora E. Willson, who died in 1893. Their children were: Mary, now the wife of W. W. Pefley; Clare E., the wife of George W. Daiber; and Arthur A., lieutenant, Twenty-third Regiment, United States Engineers. In 1896 the Judge was again married, his second union being with Miss Frances B. Birkhead.

Judge Beard is a Protestant in religious belief. In politics he is a republican and served as mayor of Evanston. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and is a past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Wyoming. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is regarded as a most valued and worthy exemplar of the craft.

RAYMOND BARBER, M. D.

Dr. Raymond Barber, a physician and surgeon of Rawlins who is district surgeon for the Union Pacific Railroad Company, was born in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1875, a son of Elliston P. Barber, who is a native of the Keystone state and a representative of one of the old families of New Jersey. The founder of the family in America came to the new world at an early period in its colonization. The father was a successful coal dealer in Doylestown for many years, conducting a business of large and profitable proportions, but is now living retired. He wedded Mary Gargis Rich, who was also born in Pennsylvania and belonged to one of the old families of that state of English origin. She died at the age of thirty-four years. In the family were four children, two of whom have passed away, while those still living are: Raymond, of this review; and William H., who is residing in Eaton, Colorado, where he is cashier of the Eaton National Bank.

Dr. Barber mastered the branches of learning taught in the public and high schools of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the class of 1895. Following his graduation he became associated with his father in the coal trade but at length determined to turn his attention from commercial to professional interests and in 1900 matriculated in the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he completed the full course of study and was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1904. He then served for one year as an interne in the Samaritan Hospital at Philadelphia and thus put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test, gaining that broad and valuable experience which only hospital practice brings. At the end of that time he came west to Wyoming, making his way to Cheyenne to visit his uncle, Dr. Amos W. Barber, now deceased, who was at that time one of the old-time residents of Cheyenne and a prominent physician of the city. This and the opportunities which the west offered caused Dr. Barber to locate in Wyoming and on the 25th of September, 1905, he arrived in Rawlins, where he entered upon active practice, in which he has since continuously and successfully engaged. He has not concentrated his efforts along a single branch of the profession but has continued in the general practice of medicine and surgery and his business has reached extensive proportions, while the results that have followed his efforts have been most satisfactory to his patients. Broad reading and investigation keep him in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress and the most scientific methods

are utilized in his care of the sick. He served as county health officer under the administration of Governor Brooks, being appointed in 1907 and continuing in the position until Governor Carey went into office. He was physician to the penitentiary from 1907 until 1911 and during Governor Kendrick's administration also served. He is now the county physician and is also the district surgeon for the Union Pacific Railroad Company and surgeon for the Utah Construction Company. In addition he is accorded a large private practice and ranks with the leading physicians of western Wyoming.

In New York city, on the 20th of January, 1912, Dr. Barber was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Gardner, a native of Michigan. Her father died during her childhood and her mother, Mrs. Florence J. Gardner, who was one of the early residents of Rawlins, now makes her home in New York city. Dr. and Mrs. Barber have a very beautiful residence in Rawlins and occupy a prominent position in social circles.

In politics the doctor is a republican, while fraternally he is a prominent Mason, belonging to lodge, chapter, consistory and Mystic Shrine, being a past potentate of Korein Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Phi Alpha Sigma, a medical fraternity of Philadelphia. His interests are broad and varied and upon all questions of vital importance he keeps abreast with the thinking men of the age. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, esteem him as a man of high purpose, while in all matters of citizenship he is recognized as a man of public spirit and in his profession, actuated by advanced ideals, he is making his work of great worth to his fellowmen.

CHARLES M. FREEMAN, M. D.

Dr. Charles M. Freeman, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Rock Springs, has made for himself a creditable position among the physicians and surgeons of Wyoming who have intimate knowledge of the scientific principles which underlie their work and who are most careful to conform their practice to the highest professional ethics and standards.

He was born in Brant county, Ontario, Canada, in the village of Scotland, January 5, 1859. His father, William Freeman, also a native of Ontario, represented one of the old Canadian families of English lineage founded in America by Isaac Freeman, who on leaving England took up his abode in Canada. William Freeman was a successful farmer of that country and died in Brantford in 1889, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Mary Smith, was born in Ontario, Canada, and was also of English lineage, early representatives of her family residing near Hamilton, Ontario. Mrs. Freeman passed away March 17, 1917, at the notable old age of ninety-six years.

Dr. Charles M. Freeman, who was the fifth in a family of six children, pursued his education in the public schools of his native town of Scotland and in the collegiate institute at Brantford, thus acquiring a liberal literary education to serve as the basis of his professional knowledge. He prepared for the practice of medicine as a student in Trinity University at Toronto, Canada, where he was graduated with the class of 1882. He then crossed the border into the United States, establishing an office in Muskegon, Michigan, where he entered upon his chosen life work. There he remained for six years and on the expiration of that period removed to Rochester, New York, where he spent eleven years. He then determined to locate in the west and made his way direct to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where since the 1st of January, 1899, or for a period of more than eighteen years, he has been engaged in active and successful general practice. He has done excellent work in this connection, keeping in touch with modern scientific researches and discoveries, and while he does not hastily abandon old and time-tried methods, he is ever willing to take up new ideas

which his judgment sanctions as of value in professional service. He belongs to the Wyoming State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and he enjoys the goodwill and confidence of his professional colleagues and contemporaries.

On the 5th of September, 1885, Dr. Freeman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Cobban, a native of Ontario and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Cobban, both of whom were of Scotch descent and have now passed away. Dr. and Mrs. Freeman have become the parents of two children who are living: Marie M., the wife of L. C. Ferguson, a civil engineer residing in Provo, Utah; and Gladwyn C., who is living in Rock Springs.

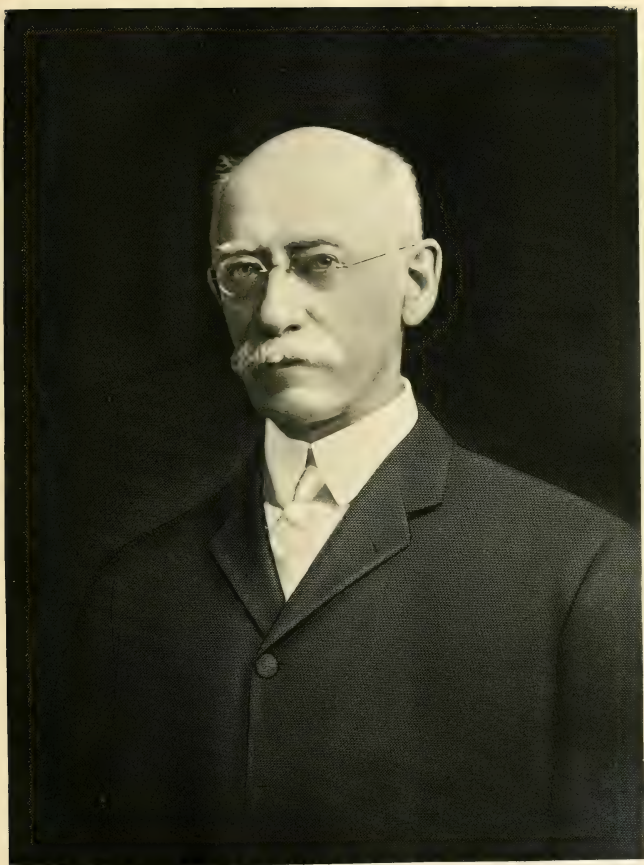
Politically Dr. Freeman has given his support to the democratic party and is an interested worker in its ranks because of his firm belief in its principles and policy. He is now serving as a member of the city council of Rock Springs and is also deputy county health officer of Sweetwater county. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks, the Eagles, the Moose, the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America, and is a loyal follower of these organizations, which are based upon a recognition of man's obligations to his fellowmen. He has developed his native powers through the exercise of effort and his life record is an indication of the fact that activity does not tire but gives resisting power. He concentrates his attention in large measure upon his professional interests and discharges his duties with a sense of conscientious obligation that has been productive of excellent results. He is now the family physician in many of the best households of Rock Springs and his labors have been attended with a gratifying measure of success.

HON. OTTO GRAMM.

Closely interwoven with the commercial and industrial development of Laramie and with the political history of the state is the name of Hon. Otto Gramm, who has been a prominent factor in the mercantile and manufacturing interests of his city and has been honored with the position of state treasurer of Wyoming, in which office his record reflected credit and honor upon the people who honored him.

He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, November 11, 1846, a son of the late Moses Gramm, a native of Germany, who came to America in early life and settled in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he followed mercantile pursuits, there residing until his death. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Helen Limle, was also a native of Germany and has departed this life. In their family were five children.

Hon. Otto Gramm, who was the eldest, acquired his education in the public schools of his native city and when eight years of age, upon the death of his parents, went to live with relatives, Mrs. M. A. Tritscheller becoming his foster-mother. He made his initial step in the business world as an employe in a drug store and learned the business, to which he largely devoted his time and attention from the age of ten years until 1888, when he was elected county treasurer of Albany county, Wyoming. He had become a resident of Laramie on the 1st of February, 1870, arriving here a comparative stranger with but one acquaintance, Dr. J. H. Finfrock, who was a pioneer druggist of the city, being the second to engage in that line of business in Laramie. Mr. Gramm purchased Dr. Finfrock's drug store and conducted it successfully until 1888, when he was elected to the offices of county treasurer and probate judge of Albany county, filling the dual position for six years in a most satisfactory manner. In fact, the excellence of his service recommended him for higher political honors and he was nominated as a candidate for state treasurer, to which position he was elected for a four years' term. Almost from the moment of his arrival in Wyoming he took a very active part in promoting its business development and in advancing its public interests. For eight years he was in charge of the Laramie Rolling Mills



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Company, of which he was one of the organizers. He also organized the first fire department and was its first chief. He continued to act in that capacity for many years during the period when this was a volunteer fire department and at length he organized and equipped the present department, making it a paid department. This was but one of the many activities which he put forth for the benefit and upbuilding of his city. In fact, his aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to further every measure or movement for the general good and he has taken the initial step in connection with many projects which have been of the greatest benefit to Laramie.

On February 21, 1914, he organized the Fox Park Timber Company, which company's plant is situated on the line of the C. W. and E. Railroad, where they are engaged in the manufacture of railroad ties, mine props, etc., while at Laramie is located that company's sawmill where they produce manufactured lumber, the logs coming down on the line of the C. W. and E. Railroad. Mr. Gramm is the principal owner in this company and has been its president ever since its organization.

His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party, of which he is a most stalwart champion, never faltering in his allegiance thereto. He has been a member of the state central committee and has served as chairman of the county central committee for many years. He has always taken a very active part in politics and has done much to mold public thought and action, his opinions at all times carrying weight in party councils.

On the 11th of November, 1909, Mr. Gramm was married in Lincoln, Nebraska, to Mrs. Hannah Durlacher, a native of Germany. In fraternal circles Mr. Gramm has also figured prominently. He is identified with the various Masonic bodies, including the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory, and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a past grand commander of the Knights Templar of Wyoming, a past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the state and a past grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Masons. In fact, he has been active in all its various organizations. In a word, Mr. Gramm is fitted for leadership, a fact which his associates speedily came to recognize and put him in the position for which he is so splendidly qualified. In all that he does he has been actuated by the most intense public spirit and loyalty and his devotion to any trust reposed in him is pronounced. His name is carved high on the roll of Wyoming's illustrious and honored citizens.

RAYMOND BENJAMINE WEST.

Since the 1st of January, 1906, Raymond Benjamin West has been engaged in the practice of law at Basin and has been accorded a liberal clientage which has constantly grown both in volume and importance, connecting him with many of the leading cases tried in the courts of his district. He was born in Nebraska City, Nebraska, January 25, 1875, and is a son of Dempsey Carlyal and Anna E. West. In the State University of Nebraska he pursued his preparation for the bar and was graduated on the 13th of June, 1901, with the LL. B. degree. He then entered upon practice after being admitted to the Nebraska bar on the 13th of June of that year. He was also admitted to practice at the bar of Wyoming in October of the same year and on the following 19th of June he came to Cody. On the 1st of July, 1902, he removed to Meeteetse, where he engaged in general merchandising until July 1, 1905. On the 1st of January, 1906, he entered upon the practice of law at Basin and on the 1st of January, 1911, was elected county attorney, which position he filled until the 1st of January, 1913, carefully protecting the legal interests of the county during that period. In his practice he has won for himself very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed. He has remarkable

powers of concentration and application and his retentive mind has often excited the surprise of his professional colleagues. As an orator he stands high, especially in the discussion of legal matters before the court, where his comprehensive knowledge of the law is manifest and his application of legal principles demonstrates the wide range of his professional acquirements. The utmost care and precision characterize his preparation of a case and have made him one of the successful attorneys of Bighorn county.

At North Platte, Nebraska, May 27, 1908, Mr. West was married to Miss Nora Davis Fenwick and to them have been born two children: Helen Elizabeth, born April 3, 1909; and Margaret Lucile, August 4, 1911. The parents are communicants of the Episcopal church and take an active interest in its work and progress.

Mr. West belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken high rank. He is now a past master of Temple Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., of Basin; has membership with the Knight Templar commandery at Sheridan; and is a member of Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He likewise belongs to the Basin Chamber of Commerce and was president thereof in the year 1917, co-operating heartily in all of its well defined plans and projects for the upbuilding of the city, the extension of its trade relations and the upholding of its civic standards. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party but he has never sought office outside the strict path of his profession. His military record covers service as sergeant of Company A, of the Third Nebraska Regiment during the Spanish-American war and as captain of Company D, of the Third Wyoming National Guard, in which regiment he was afterward promoted to the rank of major, continuing in that connection until he resigned in January, 1915. His interests are wide and varied and he is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of progress and improvement that has brought excellent results.

HON. JOHN A. RINER.

Hon. John A. Riner, who since 1890 has sat upon the bench of the United States district court at Cheyenne, became a resident of that city in 1879, at which time he opened a law office. Through the intervening period he has been connected with the profession as legist or jurist and his developing powers and pronounced ability have gained for him the place of prominence which has so long been accorded him.

A native of Ohio, he was born in Preble county in 1850, his parents being John and Mary (White) Riner. The father, also a native of the Buckeye state, was a millwright by trade. He remained a resident of Ohio until 1868, when he established his home in Butler county, Iowa, where he passed his remaining days, his death there occurring in 1889. His wife was of New England birth and in her early girlhood removed from her native state of Vermont to Preble county, Ohio, where she was reared to adult age. There she was married and made her home until 1868, when with her husband and family she went to Iowa, where she passed away in 1897.

Judge Riner, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, attended the public schools, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned him through parental authority. In young manhood he reviewed the broad field of business and determined upon the practice of law as a life work. He then became a student in the law department of the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was there graduated as a member of the class of 1879. He turned to the west as a fruitful field in which to begin his professional career and made his way to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he at once opened an office. Advancement at the bar is proverbially slow and yet no dreary novitiate awaited him. His practice steadily



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grew and in 1881 he was elected city attorney, the duties of which he discharged most satisfactorily to all concerned until the expiration of his term. In the meantime his private practice continued to develop and his ability became widely recognized through the capable manner in which he conducted his cases and the many favorable verdicts which he won for his clients. When there was a vacancy in the office of United States district attorney he was prominently mentioned for the position and in recognition of his talents and his powers received the appointment in 1884. He at once entered upon the discharge of his duties in that connection and served for one year. In 1886 he was elected on the republican ticket to the Territorial Council and was actively connected with the passage of several most important legislative measures, thus leaving the impress of his individuality and public spirit upon the history of the state. He also served as president of the council during the session. Retiring from the legislature he resumed his practice of law, which in volume and importance had become second to none in the state. After a year he was elected to the general assembly, this time becoming a member of the state senate, although he resigned before the legislature convened, in order to accept the appointment of United States district judge, which came to him on the 22d of September, 1890. He has since served upon the bench—a period of almost twenty-eight years. His long continuance in the office stands as incontrovertible proof of the fairness and impartiality of his rulings and of his comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence which underlie his decisions. His opinions have been reversed in a notably few instances and he is regarded as one of the ablest jurists of the west.

In 1882 Judge Riner was united in marriage to Miss May Jillich, of Ohio, and they have become parents of four children: Ida M., Gertrude, Dorothy and John A.

In his fraternal relations Judge Riner is a Mason and has attained the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite and the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, with which he has been identified for a number of years. In politics he has been a lifelong republican and he has ever been a close student of those vital questions which are regarded by the thinking men of the age as of the greatest importance—questions that have to do with the sociological and economic as well as political situation of the country. In manner ever most courteous, he is nevertheless firm and unyielding in all that he believes to be right. Whatever he has done in his entire career at the bar has been for the best interests of his clients and for the honor of his profession. Among the jurists of Wyoming there is perhaps none whose record in office has covered a longer period and the record of none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation.

JOHN McNAMARA.

Much has been written concerning the relative importance of various lines of business or of various kinds of official service, but when one stops to thoughtfully consider the situation, it must be recognized that the faithful performance of duty in every particular adds to the stability and strength of the whole. The old saying that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link might be well applied to the official activities of the body politic. Each public officer has a part to perform and delinquency in any regard must weaken the entire system under which government business is carried on.

Actively identified with the mail service in Wyoming is John McNamara, who is filling the office of postmaster at Kemmerer and who is prompt, faithful and reliable in the discharge of all of his duties. He was born in Rutland, Vermont, March 28, 1869, and is a son of Michael and Mary McNamara, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to America in 1850 and took up his abode in the Green Mountain state, where he engaged principally

in railroad work. He afterward became a resident of New Sharon, Iowa, removing westward to that state in the early '70s and becoming one of the pioneers of the region in which he located. He is now living retired. His wife crossed the Atlantic from the Emerald isle in her girlhood days and she, too, became a resident of Vermont, settling near Rutland, where she formed the acquaintance of Mr. McNamara, who sought and won her hand in marriage. They had a family of five children, who were called upon to mourn the death of the mother when in 1894 she passed to the home beyond.

John McNamara was the fourth in order of birth in that family and was educated in the public schools of New Sharon, Iowa, having been but a few years old when the family home was established at that place. He was only twelve years of age when he started out to earn his own living. He took up the study of telegraphy and became a train dispatcher at the age of sixteen years, being stationed at Keithsburg, Illinois. He filled the position for a year and worked along that line until 1913, serving as chief train dispatcher on various roads. In 1890 he came to Wyoming, first establishing his home at Green River, where he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railway Company. In 1908 he became a citizen of Kemmerer and was train dispatcher for the Oregon Short Line Railway Company until March 1, 1914, when he was appointed to the position of postmaster of Kemmerer by President Wilson. He has since filled the office and has made an excellent record by the prompt and capable manner in which he has discharged his duties, faithfully performing every task that devolves upon him in this connection.

At Rock Springs, Wyoming, on the 3d of April, 1895, Mr. McNamara was married to Miss Theresa Mueller, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and a daughter of Steven and Susan Mueller. They have become parents of four children: Mary, who was born at Green River, Wyoming, August 1, 1897; James, born at Green River, April 25, 1900; and Frances and Theresa, twins, who were born at Pocatello, Idaho, December 15, 1905.

Mr. McNamara has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and is a firm advocate of its principles. He is a Mason and holds membership in the blue lodge at Kemmerer, the Knights Templar commandery at Green River and the Mystic Shrine at Rawlins. He is also identified with the Chamber of Commerce and is in entire sympathy with the work of that organization in behalf of the city and the extension of its trade relations and the advancement of its civic standards. He was reared a Catholic and the family are communicants of St. Patrick's parish. Mr. McNamara deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out in the business world at a salary of thirty-five dollars per month and has steadily worked his way upward by reason of his persistency of purpose, his capability and his trustworthiness.

ARTHUR J. ROSIER.

Arthur J. Rosier, who is filling the position of prosecuting attorney of Carbon county and makes his home in Rawlins, was born in West Union, Todd county, Minnesota, October 31, 1880, his parents being Thomas R. and Helen M. (Wolcott) Rosier, both of whom were natives of the state of New York and removed westward to Minnesota at an early day. The father there engaged in farming and also devoted much time to inventions, producing a number of inventions in connection with farm machinery. He also brought forth the Rosier fire extinguisher, a product of his inventive genius, which was manufactured at Omaha, Nebraska. The active control of his business affairs, combined with his marked skill and ingenuity, made him at one time a very wealthy man. He died October 4, 1912, at the age of sixty-seven years, and is still survived by his widow, who resides on a homestead thirteen miles southeast of Torrington, Wyoming. She has reached the age of seventy years. In their family were five children: Thomas R., who is

living in Livingston, Montana; Nellie, the wife of Charles E. Ulrich, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Edward Krause, whose home is in Appleton, Wisconsin; and Harold W., living at Torrington, Wyoming.

Arthur J. Rosier, the other member of the family, was the third in order of birth and in his boyhood attended the public schools of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, while later he became a student in the State University at Vermilion, South Dakota, where he spent three years. He next entered the night school of the University of Minnesota as a law student, pursuing a special course in law, covering three years, at the end of which time he was admitted to the bar upon examination before the supreme court of Montana on the 6th of June, 1906. In July of that year he began practice at Butte, Montana, where he remained until September, 1911. On the 30th of October of that year he was admitted to practice in the courts of Wyoming and opened an office in Rawlins, where he has since remained, devoting his time and attention to his professional duties. He belongs to both the Montana and to the Wyoming State Bar Associations. He is now serving for the second term as prosecuting attorney of Carbon county, having been re-elected to that office in November, 1916. He always prepares his cases with great thoroughness and care, is clear in his reasoning, logical in his deductions and his arguments are characterized by great strength. He has also served as court commissioner of Carbon county and in addition to his professional duties he has enjoyed a growing private practice and is now attorney for the First State Bank at Baggs, Wyoming, and for the Stock Growers Bank of Saratoga, Wyoming, as well as for a number of private concerns.

On the 15th of June, 1914, Mr. Rosier was married in Denver, Colorado, to Miss Grace G. Arthaud, of Burwell, Nebraska, who comes from one of the old families of Garfield county, that state. They have one child, Jean Helen, born in Rawlins, September 3, 1917.

Fraternally Mr. Rosier is a Mason of high rank, having become a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Improved Order of Red Men. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, but he has never sought office outside the strict path of his profession, preferring to concentrate his energies upon law practice, recognizing the fact that the law is a jealous mistress and would have the undivided attention of her followers if she crowns them with success. He prepares his cases with great thoroughness and he possesses a law library of rare value. His office equipment is most comprehensive and in preparing a case for the court he looks up every authority bearing upon the question and therefore enters the court well qualified for defense as well as for attack.

FRANCIS S. KING.

The name of Francis S. King is synonymous with the development and improvement of the sheep industry in America. There is no resident of Wyoming who has done as much to improve the grade of sheep raised and the methods followed as he. His work, therefore, has been of untold value as a factor in promoting the material prosperity and upbuilding of the state, and the story of his life is a most interesting one. He was born on the Isle of Man in 1867, a son of the Rev. William and Elizabeth (Stocker) King, the former an eminent minister of the Methodist church and the founder of the Jersey Ladies' College on the island of Jersey. He died in Kent in 1882, leaving a widow and ten children, eight sons and two daughters, all of whom yet survive and who are mentioned in connection with the sketch of Joseph Hall King on another page of this work.

Francis S. King, the eldest of the brothers, came to America in 1884, when a youth of seventeen years. He had previously attended school at Victoria College on the island of Jersey. On reaching American shores he went to



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Nemaha county, Nebraska, where lived his uncle, and later he started for Wyoming, arriving in Laramie in 1884. He was employed for a time in connection with the sheep business and soon purchased a half interest, thus entering into partnership with Paul Pascoe. The next November he took a band of over three thousand wethers to Nebraska for wintering. At Hillside, Wyoming, they were caught in a four days' blizzard and two of his assistants were frozen to death. The sheep, however, escaped, and Mr. King and his other assistants continued on to Nebraska. From that point he has made steady progress in the sheep industry and there is no man who has done more for its development in Wyoming and in fact in the entire country. The following spring he purchased a large flock of sheep on credit. These he herded himself. The price of mutton was at that time very low—less than anything else produced, so Mr. King would rise before day and take his mutton to town by daylight. His business methods resulted in forcing the butchers to pay a fair price. The first sheep which he raised were Merinos. His brother, Herbert J. King, usually known as Bert, joined him when a youth of seventeen years, F. S. King persuading his brother to come to the new world, and a few years later they were joined by another brother, Joseph H. King, who had at that time just completed college. F. S. and J. H. King cut logs and with the help of F. A. Blake, father of Judge Blake, built the old King homestead, the brother mixing the plaster, while Mr. King of this review put it on. Through this period in his life Mr. King felt the beneficial influence and assistance of Mrs. Blake, who was a fine specimen of womanhood and did more for the young men of the country than almost anyone else. She lived to be more than ninety years of age. She took the place of a mother to Mr. King and in fact devoted practically all of her time to aiding others. She was the head of the church movement in her locality and of the Woman's Relief Corps, and she was everywhere known throughout the district as Mother Blake, which was a term of endearment, indicating the filial affection felt for her by the young men whom she had mothered. The first land which F. S. King took up was east of the range, and to his original holdings he added from time to time until he secured one hundred and twenty thousand acres by deed and lease, this not including the government range. The brothers in their early business relations maintained their interests as a copartnership with equal shares. Later the business was reorganized under the name of King Brothers Company. They were continually studying new methods to improve their flocks, and F. S. King went to California for ewes, shipping a number of ewes to Wyoming. They had always the best stock, using thoroughbreds only for the upbuilding of their flocks. They left no stone unturned which would promote their knowledge and advance the interests of the sheep industry, and F. S. King frequently attended conventions in order to gather information concerning his chosen life work. He visited the principal flocks of the United States every year, usually purchasing a few of the best sheep of each flock visited and thus building up a herd of great merit and individual superiority.

Having determined to gradually work into nothing but registered sheep, the herd was started by purchasing a son of the Champion Merino ewe and ram of the Chicago World's Fair, and numerous other noted rams and ewes. With these as a foundation, and by careful selection each year from the best flocks in America, a stud flock of noted sheep was gathered together, and soon this flock was taking most of the prizes at all of the prominent state fairs. By careful mating and selection, the size of carcass as well as fleece was increased. Realizing that the Rambouillet family was the coming sheep for the west, Mr. King turned his attention to the exclusive breeding of this family of Merinos, and in a few years it was generally conceded that his flock was the leading Rambouillet stud in America. The development of the Rambouillet by Mr. King had been so extensive that it created much comment, and its result in the upbuilding of the western flocks was so apparent that the department of agriculture of the United States, through the help of Senator Warren of Wyoming,

obtained the passage of a law appropriating a sum of money to carry on experiments in conjunction with the University of Wyoming on the King ranch to develop the Rambouillet for the benefit of the western sheepmen. Mr. King was selected by the department to travel in company with a department man and select the ewes and rams to be used for the experiment, and for many years Mr. King selected the sheep that were bought by this government. After two years of work in conjunction with the University of Wyoming, the department of agriculture decided to carry on the work by itself with the cooperation of King Brothers. The department was given free use of the barns, feeding sheds, as well as lambing pens, of this ranch and Mr. King devoted much time to help the department in this work. At this time, it having become evident to thinking sheepmen that a half-blood type of sheep was necessary to obtain the best results from much of the western range, Mr. King undertook the task of crossing the several types of English long-wooled sheep on pure-bred Rambouillets, and checking up the results. It was soon found that a cross of either the Leister or Lincoln on the Rambouillet would produce more per head than any other cross, also they were hardy and most suited for the range. The department of agriculture became interested in this work of Mr. King and began a like experiment, and in a few years came to the same conclusion.

This matter having become a prominent part of discussion at the sheep conventions throughout the western country, and as it was known that in New Zealand a similar experiment had been conducted by noted breeders there many years previous, with like results, and as in New Zealand there had been bred up through fifty years' hard work a breed of sheep founded on this cross, measures were taken to pass a bill through congress to send over a commission to look into the capabilities of this breed and if found of value to import some for the use of the department of agriculture in its experiment work on the King ranch. Mr. King was selected by the National Wool Growers Association to represent the sheepmen of the country on this commission, and on it being decided that the bill was faulty as passed by congress, Mr. King, on the request of the national association and the government, paid his own expenses and donated his time for this trip. Having been furnished with letters of introduction from the government and the different sheep associations of the country, Mr. King, in company with Mr. Marshall, head of the sheep and goat investigation department of the United States, sailed to New Zealand and Australia, and were made the guests of the governments over there. Six months was devoted to the study of the Corriedale, as the new breed was named, also to the visiting of the several Merino studs over there, as well as close investigation into the manner of putting up wool under the Australian system, and its adaptability to this country.

About one hundred Corriedales were purchased for the department of agriculture and Mr. King was so deeply impressed with the value of the Corriedale that when in New Zealand he made arrangements to import several hundred for himself.

Upon his return he took up this question with his brothers, and upon their deciding that they would not care to enter upon this line of breeding but would devote themselves to the Rambouillet, Mr. King decided to sell his interest to his brothers and devote his time to breeding Corriedales for the benefit of the western range men, and also to importing some Wanganella Merinos to cross on the Rambouillet. Whilst visiting the principal studs of Rambouillets in Australia and viewing sheep valued in some cases at ten thousand dollars a head, Mr. King decided that they could be crossed with advantage on the American Rambouillet, which is larger but does not have the length of staple or quality of fleece of the Australian Rambouillet. Mr. King has on the way a son of Perfection, a ten thousand dollar ram, as well as a flock of ewes from the same stud. These sheep are valued at from five hundred to five thousand per head. If the experiment is as successful as Mr. King believes it will be, he will donate many of them to the Rambouillet Association, of which he is president.

In founding his Corriedale flock, Mr. King obtained only the best; and the first sheep imported by him took the championship for both ram and ewe at the San Francisco exposition. The stud rams were the best rams of the grand champions of New Zealand, and the ewes the best obtainable.

There are now some three hundred registered Corriedales on the ranch that have been imported, as well as many that have been raised on the ranch from these imported sheep. Mr. King also has brought over the first South Devons that have been exported from England, and is building up a very fine, pure-bred stud of these sheep and also a cross on the Rambouillet that will make its effect on the western flocks. They are very large, early maturing sheep, with a long staple fleece of light shrink, with a good saw-tooth crimp. The ranch selected by Mr. King for this work is located close to Cheyenne, consists of about ten thousand acres of deeded land, whilst feed lots have been obtained around Monte Vista in Colorado and Wheatland, Wyoming, for wintering the lambs, and suitable summer range has been rented close to the home ranch, as well as pasture on the national forests. The home ranch has been equipped with modern sheds, all facing south, fronted with glass and divided into suitable pens for lambing and breeding. New bunk houses have been built, and water has been laid through the buildings, every pen having its own hydrant as well as feed troughs and hay racks. Electric light is used throughout and every modern invention has been utilized. The house is a modern, up-to-date bungalow with every convenience that can be obtained in a town house, it as well as the garage being heated by vapor, and electric light, cooking and other uses being installed.

For shelter from storm and sun, over five thousand trees have been planted on this ranch since Mr. King parted with his brothers in 1915, and every effort has been made to make the ranch both valuable as a breeding farm as well as attractive as a home. There are three stations of the Union Pacific on the land, whilst the Colorado & Southern has a station only three miles from the north-west corner, and as the ranch reaches within three miles of Cheyenne, the risk of loss is reduced to a minimum, and its accessibility for inspection of the stock is ideal.

Wyoming produces over eight pounds of wool per sheep, more than any other state in the Union, and much of this is no doubt owing to the work of the King Brothers. Francis S. King is the principal owner of the business conducted under the name of the Wyoming Corriedale Sheep Company, being the president, with Wallace C. Bond of Cheyenne as secretary. If one may judge of the future by the past and by the wonderful development of his flocks up to date, it will not be unreasonable to prophesy that this sheep ranch will become the greatest in the United States.

Mr. King has seven children, having been twice married. His eldest son, Francis W., when war was declared, joined the Oregon Coast Artillery and won a medal for shooting. He became a member of the Fifteenth Company of Wyoming Troops and was made sergeant at Fort Stevens, Oregon. Arthur is the second son of the family and is with his father in business. When he was twelve years of age, at Ogden, Utah, his father gave him the best ram, ewe and ram that he raised and sheared, and at the National Wool Growers' Association he won first prize against his father, having picked out the ewe himself. The other children are still in school. For his second wife Mr. King chose Mrs. M. E. Fisher, of Cheyenne, who had two sons and a daughter by a previous marriage. The latter, Dorothy, is with her mother and is a high school student.

While the name of King has undisputed possession of the field as the synonym for the most progressive sheep raising in the country, Francis S. King is also known in other connections outside of business. He has done much to further the interests of the state. He was for twelve years a member of the general assembly of Wyoming as the representative of Albany county and was chairman of the public buildings committee and also chairman of the ways and means

committee. He is one of the distinguished Masons of Wyoming and was at one time grand master of the state. He has also taken the degrees of the chapter, the commandery and the Mystic Shrine and the honorary thirty-third degree has been conferred upon him. He is likewise connected with the Knights of Pythias, while Mrs. King has represented the state of Wyoming in the supreme lodge of the Pythian Sisters and is also a member of the Eastern Star. He is widely known all over the world among sheep growers and has probably done more for the sheep industry of Wyoming than any other man, but there are other qualities which have made for his personal popularity. He is widely known and has the sterling traits which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard, and as a legislator he has left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the commonwealth.

ALBERT D. CHAMBERLIN.

Albert D. Chamberlin is now living retired at Douglas. He came to Converse county before the town was laid out and through the intervening period has been closely associated with the development and conduct of several of its important business interests—interests which have contributed in substantial measure to the upbuilding of the district. At the present time he is enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves, for his success in former years now supplies him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

Massachusetts claims Mr. Chamberlin as a native son. He was born in Dalton on the 25th of June, 1841, a son of Albert S. and Martha (Mitchell) Chamberlin. The father was a paper manufacturer, conducting business along that line for many years. He reached the advanced age of eighty-four, as did his wife, and they reared a family of two sons and one daughter.

Albert D. Chamberlin, after mastering the branches of learning taught in the elementary grades of the public schools, continued his studies in the Hinsdale Academy of Massachusetts, the same school from which Senator F. E. Warren was graduated. He also attended a Methodist school located at Jonesville, New York. When his textbooks were put aside Albert D. Chamberlin began work in his father's paper mill and was thus employed until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he became a sailor, joining the navy. He served for about one year and was honorably discharged in 1865. While in the service he was engaged in looking for blockade runners along the coast.

After leaving the navy Mr. Chamberlin returned home and embarked in business on his own account in the manufacture of paper, operating a mill from 1869 until 1881 and conducting a profitable and growing business. He then removed to the west, settling first at Goshen Hole, and in 1886 he came to what was then Albany county, now Converse county. Douglas had not been founded at that time but the town was laid out on the 1st of August of that year and Mr. Chamberlin established a lumber yard, carrying on the business successfully for about five years. He then turned his attention to coal mining at Inez, Wyoming, with DeForest Richards, afterwards governor of Wyoming, but during the three years in which he operated in the coal field he lost all that he had previously saved. He next turned his attention to the sheep industry, in which he was engaged from 1895 until 1912, or for a period of seventeen years, when he sold out. In the meantime he had been appointed to office and had served as register of the land office from 1896 until 1909. He is still the owner of a valuable ranch property on which he is raising cattle, but the active work of carrying on the ranch is left to others, while Mr. Chamberlin is enjoying well merited rest.

In 1889 Mr. Chamberlin was united in marriage to Miss Jennie McReynolds, of Nebraska, and they occupy an enviable position in social circles in Douglas and have a large number of warm friends throughout Converse county. Mr.



Albert D Chamberlin.

Chamberlin is a Mason of the highest rank, the honorary thirty-third degree having been conferred upon him in recognition of the important service which he has rendered to the craft. In politics he is a republican and was the first state senator elected from his district. He has thus been closely associated with public interests as well as with the establishment of business enterprises in Converse county and at all times his efforts have been an effective force in bringing about modern-day progress and improvement. His influence has always been felt as a strong, steady, moving force in the social, moral and industrial life of the community. However, he prefers a quiet place in the background to the glamour of publicity. There is no doubt, however, as to his worth as a citizen and his contribution to the development of the city and county, and the name of no man is more closely associated with the welfare and interests of Douglas than that of Albert D. Chamberlin.

JOHN W. HAY.

John W. Hay is one of the best known and most substantial citizens of the state of Wyoming. His rise from a modest position to a place among the leading bankers and stock raisers of the west might seem to be phenomenal and yet a careful analysis of his career shows that his progress has been the result of close application, indefatigable energy and persistency of purpose guided by a laudable ambition.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Fairfield, September 11, 1864, a son of Lawrence P. and James (Borah) Hay, the former a native of Kentucky, while the latter was born in Illinois. The father removed to Illinois in early life and there he spent his remaining days. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Fairfield, and although he had been educated for the profession of the law in Louisville, Kentucky, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits after becoming a resident of Illinois, taking up his abode upon a farm near Fairfield. His attention was successfully given to the work of tilling the soil until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when feeling that his first duty was to his country, he enlisted in 1861 and was mustered out at Washington, D. C., in 1865, after four years' military service in defense of the Union cause. He participated in many hotly contested engagements, in which he proved his valor and his loyalty and, winning promotion from time to time, he held the rank of lieutenant colonel at the time of his discharge. His wife died in Fairfield, Illinois, in 1905, after which Mr. Hay became a resident of Ohio, where he passed away in 1907. In their family were ten children.

John W. Hay, who was the seventh in order of birth, spent his youthful days upon the old homestead farm in Illinois, dividing his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. He early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, but at length he determined to follow some other line of business than agriculture and upon leaving home he took up the study of telegraphy and later was employed at various points in California and in Arizona. Eventually he became telegraph operator for the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Medicine Bow, Wyoming, and subsequently was made train dispatcher, chief dispatcher and train master, which position he filled for a number of years, his record being most creditable by reason of his systematic efforts. He was next made assistant superintendent for the Union Pacific at Cheyenne, Wyoming, with jurisdiction over the district from Cheyenne to Ogden, Utah. In 1900 Mr. Hay left the railroad service and removed to Rock Springs, where he took up the live stock business, having a large ranch in Sweetwater county. In the intervening years he has become one of Wyoming's most prominent and successful live stock men, his interests in that direction increasing rapidly owing to his careful management and his wise investments in stock. A man of forceful and resourceful ability, he has

ministry, he was made a deacon in 1891 and ordained to the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal church in 1893. He served as rector of Grace church at Ottawa, Kansas, in 1891 and 1892 and through the succeeding year was professor of ethics and also chaplain of Bethany College at Topeka, Kansas. From 1893 until 1895 he was professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Kansas Theological School and was then called to the position of rector of St. Paul's church of Leavenworth, Kansas, where he remained until 1897, also acting during that period as chaplain at the United States penitentiary. He was rector of St. Matthew's church at Wheeling, West Virginia, from 1897 until 1899 and in the latter year accepted a call from the Holy Apostle's church of Philadelphia, with which he was identified for a decade. In 1902 he was elected to the bishopric of Salina, Kansas, but declined. He was consecrated bishop of Wyoming on the 6th of May, 1909, and has since been a resident of Cheyenne.

Aside from his work as rector at different places, Bishop Thomas served as lecturer on pastoral care in the Philadelphia Divinity School from 1902 until 1905. He is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science of Philadelphia, and belongs to Delta Kappa Epsilon. He has membership in the Twilight Club of Wheeling, West Virginia, in the D. K. E. Club of New York, in the Sons of the American Revolution, in the Industrial Club of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in the Cheyenne Country Club. In Philadelphia he was a member of the Union League and of the Delaware Country Club.

Bishop Thomas was married June 4, 1896, to Miss Edith Ellsworth Prince, a daughter of Colonel Edward Prince of the Seventh Illinois Cavalry and afterward a resident of Quincy, Illinois.

Bishop Thomas, by appointment of the governor, is a member of the Peace Centenary Commission; of the National Security League; of the Naval League; and of the Washington Convention called to discuss the question of how to "Win the War for Permanent Peace."

He is also a member of the board of missions of the Protestant Episcopal church and has been elected upon its executive committee. In 1917 he acted as university preacher for Leland Stanford Junior University, and in 1918 for Princeton University.

The Bishop is the president of the council of domestic missionary bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church and is the chairman of the committee on survey of the Province of the Northwest. For the past four years he has been the president of the Wyoming State Sunday School Association. He is also president of the Bishop Randall Hospital, Lander, Wyoming, and of the Cathedral Home for Children, Laramie, Wyoming.

ORLANDO E. BRADBURY.

Orlando E. Bradbury is a well known representative of financial interests in Uinta county, being cashier of the First National Bank at Evanston and, moreover, he is one of the native sons of the city in which he resides. His record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for in the place of his nativity Mr. Bradbury has worked his way steadily upward along business lines and has gained the warm regard and unqualified confidence of his fellow townsmen.

He is a son of the late Albert Edward Bradbury, a native of Vermont, who came of English ancestry, the family having been founded in America at an early period in the colonization of the new world. Albert E. Bradbury was reared and educated in Connecticut and at the age of seventeen years left home, making his way to the Pacific coast by way of Cape Horn. He first settled in San Francisco, having gone to California by reason of the gold excitement, hoping that he might win fortune in the mines. He afterward removed to Portland, Oregon, or rather to the site of the present city, which at that time had scarcely been begun. He had

a contract for clearing timber on what is now the heart of that beautiful city. He took the contract on condition that he was to receive a portion of the land for his pay, but he did not regard it as of sufficient value to recompense him for his labor and he therefore did not continue the work of clearing. He turned his attention instead to other activities. In California he had been engaged in placer mining and in Portland he became connected with the Huntleys, who conducted stage lines, being pioneers in that business in various sections of the west. During his time with the company he established stage lines from Helena, Montana, to the Missouri river. He remained with the Huntleys and in the latter '70s, they established large interests in Montana in connection with sheep raising, but during the hard winter of 1876 their flocks were practically destroyed and their large fortune was thereby lost. On the opening of the Oregon Short Line Railroad Mr. Bradbury became a contractor on the construction of the road from Granger, Wyoming, to a point west and in that undertaking continued as an associate of John H. Ward until the completion of the road. He next became manager for the Rocky Mountain Coal & Iron Company of Almy, Uinta county, and was thus engaged for a number of years. His next business connection made him assistant general manager of the Union Pacific Coal Company, with headquarters at Cheyenne, where he remained for four years. On the expiration of that period he retired from business life after long and prominent connection with interests which have led in substantial measure to the development, upbuilding and progress of the west. He continued a resident of Evanston from the days when it was a tent city to the time of his demise, which occurred January 19, 1916, when he had reached the age of seventy-five years. He had lived to see remarkable changes throughout the west during that period. Evanston had become a city of beautiful homes and important business enterprises, with all of the advantages and opportunities found in the cities of the older east. In politics Mr. Bradbury was a staunch republican and at one time served as treasurer of Sweetwater county. He was also the builder of the courthouse at Green River and he took an active interest in all that pertained to general progress and improvement, giving his loyal aid and support to all those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He ranked with Wyoming's most honored and valued citizens and many public offices were tendered him, including the position of governor, but he declined to become a candidate, preferring that his service should be done as a private citizen. His work, however, was of a most farreaching, resultant and beneficial character and his name is inseparably interwoven with the history of Wyoming's progress and development. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations thereby imposed. Albert E. Bradbury was united in marriage to Miss Roella Dodge Kidder, a native of Massachusetts and a representative of one of the old families of that state of English descent. She is still living and three of her four children survive, namely: Silas Huntley, who is a resident of Rigby, Idaho; Valorus A., who is living in New York city; and Orlando E., of this review. The eldest of the family was a daughter, Maude A. Bradbury, who died at the age of three years.

Orlando E. Bradbury was educated in the public schools of Evanston and of Salt Lake City, Utah, and in the Rensselaer Institute at Troy, New York, a polytechnic school from which he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of Civil Engineer. He started out independently upon his business career in 1907 in connection with the engineering department of the Union Pacific Coal Company, with which he continued until 1913. He then became cashier of the First National Bank of Evanston, which office he has since continuously filled, making an excellent record in this position. He is a courteous, popular and obliging official, extending the courtesies of the bank to its patrons to an extent that will not hazard the interests of the depositors. He has closely studied banking questions since becoming connected with financial affairs in Evanston and his work is proving highly satisfactory to the institution and to the public at large. He is a director of the bank and he also has important cattle interests in Uinta county. He is like-

wise a director of the Scofield Coal Company and is recognized as a young man of sound business judgment, alert, energetic and determined.

On the 20th of June, 1912, Mr. Bradbury was married in Rock Springs, Wyoming, to Miss Louise Henkel, who was born in Green River, Wyoming, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Henkel. Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury have become the parents of two children: Dorothy, who was born in Los Angeles, California, March 3, 1914; and A. E., who was born in Evanston, May 1, 1917. The family occupy an enviable social position and the hospitality of the Bradbury home is greatly enjoyed by an extensive circle of friends.

In politics Mr. Bradbury is an active and earnest republican whose opinions carry weight in the councils of the party and who from 1912 until 1916 served as state senator, doing important work in the upper house of the Wyoming General Assembly. He gave earnest thought and consideration to all questions which came up for settlement and was identified with much constructive legislation which has been of great benefit to the commonwealth. He, like his father, is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the lodge, the chapter, the consistory and the Mystic Shrine. Liberal educational opportunities were accorded him, but it is a well known fact that notwithstanding the advantages offered in youth, the individual must essentially determine and shape his own character. Utilizing the chances which came to him and actuated at all times by laudable purposes and high ideals, Orlando E. Bradbury has steadily advanced and is today regarded as one of the foremost residents of Evanston by reason of his business ability, his political activity, his public spirit and his genuine personal worth.

HON. JOHN W. LACEY

Hon. John W. Lacey, senior partner in the law firm of Lacey & Lacey, of Cheyenne, and at one time chief justice of Wyoming, was born in Randolph county, Indiana, October 13, 1848, a son of the Rev. Henry J. and Elizabeth (Thompson) Lacey. The father was a Methodist minister and reared a family of four sons and three daughters. Well descended and well bred, Judge Lacey had the advantages offered in a home of culture and refinement.

He pursued his education in the public schools of various towns in which the family lived owing to the custom of itinerant ministry in the Methodist church at that period. Later he entered DePauw University of Indiana and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1871. He took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for a short time, but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional activity and began reading law under the direction of Isaac Van Devanter, of Marion, Indiana, who remained his preceptor until he was admitted to the bar in 1875. Prior to 1875 he had read law at intervals in the office of William O'Brien of Noblesville, Indiana. It has been said that a lawyer's experience should be as broad as the universe, for he has to do with every phase of life. Judge Lacey brought to the starting point of his career certain rare gifts—eloquence of language and a strong personality. He, moreover, had back of him experience as a soldier of the Civil war. He was only fifteen years of age when he enlisted for active service at the front, becoming a member of Company F of the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Indiana Infantry in 1863. He was mustered out the following year but later in that year reenlisted, becoming a member of Company B of the One Hundred and Fifty-second Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. His training, too, at home had been of that kind which develops character and self-reliance. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Marion, Indiana, where he remained until 1884, when he was appointed by President Arthur to the position of chief justice of Wyoming and served in the highest judicial office of the territory until 1886. In November of that year, having resigned his position upon the bench, he entered into partnership with W. W. Corlett and Judge John A. Riner under the firm



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style of Corlett, Lacey & Riner. Following the death of Mr. Corlett the partnership was continued under the firm name of Lacey & Riner and so existed until the junior partner was appointed United States district judge in 1890. Later Mr. Lacey entered into partnership relations with his brother-in-law, Willis Van Devanter, who is now a justice of the United States Supreme Court, and was thus associated until 1897, but is now senior partner in the firm of Lacey & Lacey, a firm that ranks with the foremost practicing at the bar of Cheyenne. Nature endowed him with some of those qualities indispensable to the lawyer—a keen, rapid, logical mind plus the business sense and a ready capacity for hard work. An excellent presence, an earnest, dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to accurately apply its principles are factors in his effectiveness as an advocate.

In 1878 Judge Lacey was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Van Devanter, daughter of Isaac Van Devanter, and to them have been born six children: Herbert V., an attorney of Cheyenne; Walter M., M. D., and a captain in the United States service at Fort Riley, Kansas; Ruth, the wife of W. H. Barber, of Eaton, Colorado; Elizabeth, instructor in economics in the University of Nebraska; Louise, teaching home economics in the Colorado Agricultural College at Fort Collins; and Margaret.

In 1874 the degree of A. M. was conferred upon Judge Lacey by his alma mater, De Pauw University, and in 1914 he received the degree of LL. D. from the University of Denver. In his political views he is a republican and upon all the vital questions of the day keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age. Fraternally he is a Mason and has taken the degrees of the commandery and of the consistory. A resident of Cheyenne since 1884, he has done much to uphold public stability and to advance the standards of citizenship in relation to municipal and commonwealth affairs.

EDWIN M. CONANT.

Edwin M. Conant, who is filling the office of county clerk and is also serving as clerk of the district court in Washakie county, makes his home in Worland. He was born in Waupun, Wisconsin, December 22, 1876, and is a son of William T. and Agnes M. (Frazier) Conant, the former a native of the state of New York, while the latter was born in England. It was in the year 1855 that they became residents of Wisconsin, where they are still living, and in that state they reared their family of eight children, seven of whom survive.

Edwin M. Conant passed the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and divided his time between such duties as parental authority assigned him, and the work of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. He passed through the elementary branches of learning and was graduated from the high school at Waupun, Wisconsin. He continued his residence in that state until he had reached he age of about twenty-seven years, when he sought the opportunities of the west and in 1903 arrived in Wyoming, taking up his abode in Washakie county. Here he was first appointed to the position of county clerk in 1911 and the following year was elected to the office, in which capacity he has since served by reelection, covering a period of seven years. He has also been clerk of the district court and in his dual position has discharged his duties in the most systematic, prompt and capable manner, the results achieved for the benefit of the county being most satisfactory. His political endorsement is given to the republican party. While active in office, he has also concentrated his attention in partial manner upon business affairs and is now the owner of two good ranches in northern Wyoming.

In 1906 Mr. Conant was married to Miss Katherine Frisby, a native of Missouri, and they have become parents of two children: Donald R., who was born July 15, 1907; and Agnes V., born December 24, 1910.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Conant are members of the Congregational church and are loyal adherents of its teachings. They occupy an enviable position in social circles and their home, which is one of the fine residences of Worland, is the abode of a warm-hearted hospitality which is greatly enjoyed by their circle of friends—a circle that is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

The name Conant has long been prominently connected with the history of Wyoming, for A. A. Conant, an uncle of Edwin M. Conant, became one of the first settlers of Fremont county. He died at Basin in 1904. He had been one of the prominent men of his section of the state, honored and respected by all who knew him, and most of all where he was best known.

HON. EARL WARREN.

Hon. Earl Warren is bearing his part in directing the public affairs of Wyoming as a member of the state legislature. In business circles he is also well known, being engaged in farming and live stock growing and in the purchase and sale of farm lands at Riverton, Wyoming. The steps in the orderly progression which has brought him to his present business and political prominence are easily discernible.

A native of Missouri, he was born in Pettis county, September 25, 1872, a son of Robert William and Victorene (Durrill) Warren, both of whom were also natives of Pettis county, where they resided until 1898. They then removed to Texas, taking up their abode near Houston, and in 1909 they became residents of Riverton, Wyoming, where the mother is now living, the father having passed away December 18, 1917.

Earl Warren acquired his education in public schools of Missouri and in the Central Business College at Sedalia, that state, while later he became a student in the University of Missouri at Columbia. When his education was completed he took up the occupation of farming and cattle raising in Missouri and was thus engaged until 1894, when he went to Texas, where he turned his attention to cotton and rice growing. He afterward located in Houston, where he was prominently engaged in colonization work, and in 1909 he came to Riverton valley, Wyoming, where he secured under a twenty year lease one thousand acres of Indian land under ditch at Arapahoe. In the intervening years he has brought this land to a high state of cultivation. While en route to Wyoming he first made his way to St. Louis and bought and shipped to Wyoming a carload of horses. He arrived at his destination ahead of the horses, built a corral for them and was ready to receive them when they reached this place on the 15th of March. Two months and a week later he had completed his house and barn and had seven hundred and forty acres of land broken and planted to grain. He filed on a homestead on reaching Wyoming and in subsequent years he has added to his holdings by purchase from time to time, acquiring adjoining land until he now has extensive property interests. Practically all of his land is under irrigation and is very productive, responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He annually gathers rich harvests as a reward for his industry and capable management, and in all that he does he displays a most progressive spirit. In 1914, prior to any oil development in Fremont county outside of the Lander fields, Mr. Warren took oil leases on four thousand acres of Indian land at Pilot Butte, thirty-two miles northwest of Riverton, and organized the Hall Oil Company for the development of these lands. This company began drilling and in December, 1915, brought in the first producing well in the Pilot Butte district. From the beginning Mr. Warren has been secretary of the company, active in the control of its affairs, and in the management of its interests he displays the same spirit of enterprise and progressiveness that has characterized him in all of his undertakings.

In 1898 Mr. Warren was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth C. Berry, of



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Odessa, Missouri, and to them have been born three children, Mary O., Earl and Robert W., who is usually known as "Billy." The parents are members of the Christian church and are prominent in the social circles in which they move.

Mr. Warren is a democrat in his political views and in 1912 was elected to the board of county commissioners, serving for a term of two years. In 1914 he was appointed a member of the state fair commission and was in charge of the agricultural department when the first permanent buildings on the fairgrounds were erected. In 1916 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and took a very prominent part in promoting legislation in behalf of the state highways and state-wide prohibition. He stood at all times for progress and improvement and was connected with much constructive legislation which has proven of great worth to the commonwealth. While a stalwart advocate of party principles, he has ever subordinated partisanship to the general good and self-aggrandizement to the interests of the entire community. In a word, he is a loyal, public-spirited and patriotic citizen and the part which he has played in the development of his community and in upholding the high standards of the commonwealth has been a helpful and important one.

JOHN W. STRYKER.

No history of Wyoming would be complete without extended reference to John W. Stryker, one of the pioneer merchants of Laramie, who has been identified with the city since 1877 and throughout the entire period has been connected with its commercial interests. For many years he has figured as a factor in the successful development of the trade of the W. H. Holliday Company, of which he is the secretary and treasurer and in which connection he has aided in building up one of the largest enterprises of its kind in the state. His life record indicates what can be accomplished by determined purpose and indefatigable energy, for he started out in the business world empty-handed and is today in possession of a comfortable competence.

He was born in Birmingham, Ohio, July 21, 1852. His father, Abraham H. Stryker, was a native of New York and a representative of one of the old families of the Empire state of Dutch descent. The founder of the American branch of the family settled at New Amsterdam, now New York, in the early part of the seventeenth century and later representatives of the name were among the pioneers who contributed to the development and upbuilding of Ohio. Abraham H. Stryker became an attorney at law in the Buckeye state and during his later years resided in Atchison, Kansas. He had been a partner of Governor Glick of Kansas while the latter was a resident of Sandusky, Ohio, and on his account removed to Kansas. He became a very prominent factor in democratic circles while living in Ohio, doing much to shape public thought and opinion during war times. He passed away in Atchison, Kansas, in October, 1880, at the age of fifty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Henrietta Wood, was a native of Ohio and a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state of English lineage. She died in Ohio in 1853 when but twenty-five years of age, and of her two children one passed away in infancy.

The surviving son, John W. Stryker, pursued his education in the public schools of Ohio and in Oberlin College to the age of fourteen years, when he started out to provide for his own support and since that time has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, so that whatever success he has achieved is the direct result and reward of his labors. He was first employed as chain man with a surveying party in eastern Kansas, engaged in the survey of the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad. His next position was that of clerk in a hardware store in Atchison, Kansas, which was his initial experience in mercantile lines. He removed from Atchison to Netawaka, Kansas, and there engaged in mercantile pursuits through the winter of 1872-3. He then came to Wyoming in January, 1873,

casting in his lot with its pioneer settlers. He located first at Medicine Bow, where he remained until March, 1877, when he arrived in Laramie, with the interests and upbuilding of which he has since been actively and prominently identified. Here he found employment with the firm of Trabing Brothers, then the leading merchants of Wyoming, and continued with that firm until March, 1880, when he became associated with W. H. Holliday. That association has since been maintained and through all the intervening period, covering thirty-seven years, he has been an active factor in the further growth and development of the enterprise. The business was originally established on Railroad street and was begun on a comparatively small scale but has since been developed into the largest general merchandise establishment in the state of Wyoming. They carry an extensive line of hardware, groceries, furniture and other things, and their patronage has reached most gratifying proportions. They have ever exercised the utmost care in the personnel of the house, in the selection of goods, in the treatment rendered customers and in the business methods employed and thus their trade has constantly grown through the excellent service which they have rendered to the public and through the capable management of their interests. Mr. Stryker has also been engaged in the undertaking business since 1880 and has developed one of the most important business concerns of the kind in the state. He has a fine building erected expressly for this purpose, containing a beautiful chapel, and with all other equipment of a modern undertaking establishment of the present day.

On the 3d of December, 1878, in Hartford, Connecticut, Mr. Stryker was united in marriage to Miss Lura L. Jacques, a native of Rome, Georgia, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jacques, who have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Stryker have become the parents of three children, two of whom are living: Donna Rena, the wife of D. N. Sudduth, who is a prominent stock raiser, residing at North Park, Colorado, being president and general manager of The Canadian Land and Live Stock Company, of which J. W. Stryker is secretary and treasurer; and Jennie Iris, the wife of Clifford Sawyer, living in Colorado. There are also six grandchildren, the Sudduth family having four—Iris, June, John S. and Neal, while the Sawyer family has two children, Florence and Clifford.

In politics Mr. Stryker follows an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all those forces which have to do with the upbuilding and welfare of the city, giving his aid and support to all interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. His business record should serve to inspire and encourage others, for it shows what can be accomplished through individual effort and determination. Starting out in life empty-handed, obstacles and difficulties in his path have seemed but to serve as an impetus for renewed effort and concentration on his part and his close application and persistency of purpose, guided by sound judgment, have made him one of the foremost representatives of commercial interests in the state.

OLUF JEFSON.

Commercial enterprise in Kemmerer finds a worthy representative in Oluf Jefson, who is the manager of the Blyth-Fargo-Hoskins Company. In all that he does he is actuated by a spirit of progress and advancement and his experience along commercial lines has made him well qualified for the onerous and responsible duties which devolve upon him in this connection.

He was born in Bloomingdale, Wis., May 9, 1881, a son of the late John Jefson, who was a native of Norway and came to America in young manhood, arriving during the decade of the '60s. He settled in Wisconsin, where he con-

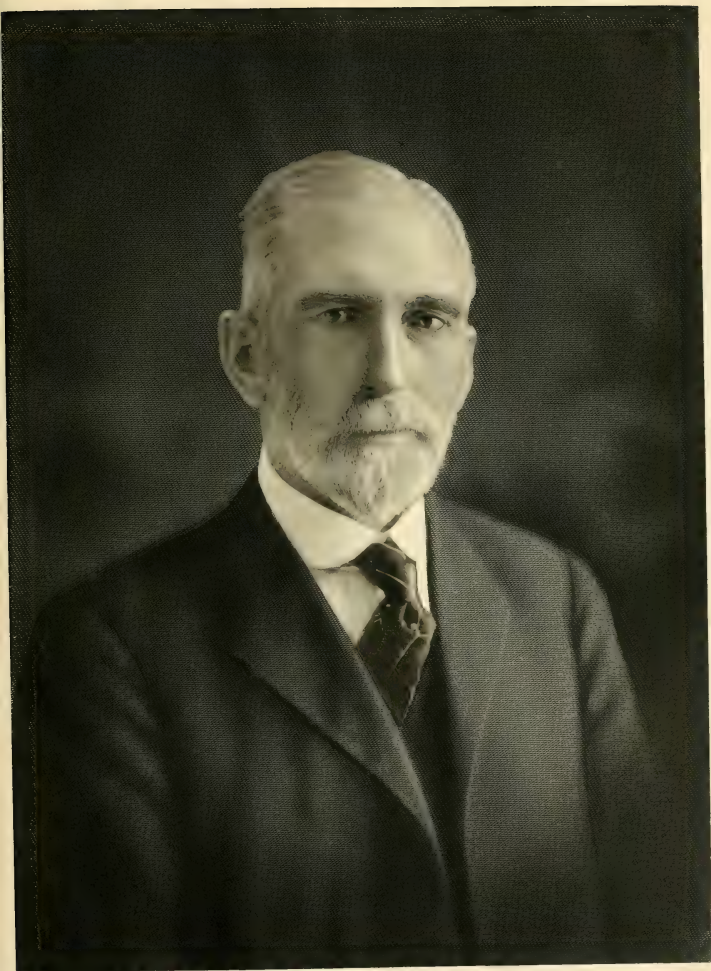
tinued to make his home until his death, which occurred in Bloomingdale, that state, in 1900, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a successful farmer, wisely and carefully directing his business interests, so that substantial results rewarded his labors as the years passed. In politics he was a staunch republican and took an active interest in advancing the growth and promoting the success of his party. He held at all times to high civic standards and he was a devout Christian man, holding membership in the Lutheran church. His widow still occupies the old home in Wisconsin. She too, is a native of Norway and came to America with her parents in her childhood days, the family home being established in Vernon county, Wisconsin, where she was reared, educated and married.

Oluf Jefson was the ninth in order of birth in a family of ten children. He acquired a public school education in his native city and afterward attended the Valparaiso (Ind.) University, from which he was graduated on the completion of a commercial course. His early life to the age of twenty-one years was spent upon the home farm. He then entered mercantile circles, securing a clerkship, in which capacity he served for two years. He afterward completed a two years' college course and removed to North Dakota, being employed in a general store in Ledgerwood, that state. He next removed to Green River, Wyoming, and was connected with the office of the Morris Mercantile Company, remaining there for four years. He later became associated with the Blyth-Fargo-Hoskins Company in the capacity of bookkeeper and since the 1st of September, 1917, has been general manager, in which connection he is directing the policy of the store, which is enjoying a growing trade. He won his present position by reason of his merit and ability. The Blyth-Fargo-Hoskins Company has the largest general mercantile establishment in Lincoln county. The company was organized in 1903 and the firm employs on an average eleven people and carries a complete line of groceries, clothing, dry goods and other general merchandise. Mr. Jefson is thoroughly acquainted with the trade and its possibilities and is proving most capable in his present position as general manager, wisely directing the interests of the house.

In his political views Mr. Jefson has always been a stalwart republican, supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank. He has taken the degrees of lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine and he exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, of which he was one of the organizers, and he is interested in all of its plans and projects for the upbuilding of the city, for the extension of its trade relations and the upholding of its civic and municipal standards. He is a man of high personal worth, enjoying the confidence and goodwill of his fellow townsmen, all of whom speak of him in terms of warm regard.

HON. BRYANT BUTLER BROOKS.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave a perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Wyoming, the Hon. Bryant Butler Brooks is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been so varied in its activities, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects that it has become an integral part in the history of city and state. He has exerted an immeasurable influence upon matters of public policy, upon business life as a financier and ranchman, in social circles by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality and in politics by reason of his public spirit and devotion to the general good as well as his comprehensive understanding of the questions affecting state and national welfare. He is now identified with the interests of Casper as president of the Wyoming National Bank of that city and he has important connections with ranching and stock raising.



B B Brooks.

Mr. Brooks was born in Bernardston, Massachusetts, February 5, 1861, a son of Silas Newton and Melissa (Burrows) Brooks. The father was a prominent manufacturer of farm implements and a leading business man of Massachusetts. He was also active in political affairs there and was called upon to represent his district in the state legislature. In 1871 he removed to Chicago and became a member of the firm of Sargent, Greenleaf & Brooks, lock manufacturers. Both he and his wife were descendants of early New England pioneers who took an active part in the Indian wars and in the Revolutionary war.

In his youthful days Bryant B. Brooks was a pupil in the Powers Institute at Bernardston, Massachusetts, and continued his education in a Chicago high school and also in a business college. He was graduated from the high school as a member of the class of 1878 and from the business college in 1879. Almost immediately afterward he came to the west and rode the range over central Wyoming from 1880 until 1883. He concentrated his attention upon cattle raising in the early '80s but afterward became associated with all kinds of live stock growing, including sheep and horses as well as cattle. In 1883 he settled permanently on the Big Muddy at the foot of the Casper mountain and has since been engaged in stock raising and ranching on an extensive scale. He has large holdings and on his ranch are found big herds of cattle as well as large flocks of sheep and many horses, so that he has become one of the leading representatives of the live stock interests of the state. He was one of the first to practice irrigation and carry on ranching on a large scale in central Wyoming. A man of forceful and resourceful ability, his activities have covered a wide range and have been a source of value in the development of the natural resources of this state and the extension of its trade relations. Something of the breadth of his interests is indicated in the fact that while conducting important ranching projects he is also the president of the Cole Creek Coal Company, is president of the Chihuahua Lumber & Manufacturing Company of Mexico, president of the B. B. Brooks Company, ranching and stock raising, president of the Wyoming National Bank and president of the Consolidated Royalty Oil Company.

On the 10th of March, 1886, at Alexandria, Nebraska, Mr. Brooks was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Naomi Willard, a daughter of Judge L. D. Willard. Their children are five in number, as follows: Jean, who is now the wife of Dr. H. R. Lathrop, of Casper; Abby, who gave her hand in marriage to R. H. Nichols, a practicing attorney of Casper; Lena N.; Mary Melissa; and Silas N., who is now serving in France with an aviation corps.

Mr. Brooks and his wife are members of the Episcopal church. He is one of the most prominent representatives of Masonry in Wyoming, the honorary thirty-third degree having been conferred upon him. He has held many stations in various Masonic bodies and he also has membership in the Odd Fellows lodge at Casper, the Elks lodge at Cheyenne and in the Mystic Shrine at Rawlins.

In politics he has always been an active republican and one who has done important work for his party in this state. He was appointed one of the commissioners to organize Natrona county and in 1892 he was elected to the second Wyoming state legislature, in which he took active part in promoting many constructive measures. He was a delegate at large to three national republican conventions and took most active part in the work of the St. Louis convention which nominated William McKinley. He was again made a delegate to the national conventions of 1904 and of 1908, both sessions being held in Chicago. In 1904 he was elected governor of Wyoming to fill the two years' unexpired term of Governor Richards, who died in office. At the close of the term he was reelected to the position and served from 1907 until 1911, so that his connection with the office of chief executive of the state covers six years. His administration was marked by many constructive measures for the benefit of the commonwealth. He was made a delegate to the first national conservation congress and he is interested in all those great projects which have to do with the development of the natural resources of the great west and, in fact, with all

those things which bear upon the progress, stability and public prosperity of state and nation. He is a man of well rounded character, finely balanced mind, and of splendid intellectual attainments.

JOE E. R. KOEHLER.

Since Joe E. R. Koehler has taken charge of the Orpheum Theatre at Sheridan, Wyoming, this enterprise has taken on a new lease of life and has continuously gained in the favor of the public. Mr. Koehler has had a considerable amount of experience in the theatrical field and the many new ideas which he has instituted in the plan of running the theatre are largely responsible for its present prosperous condition.

Mr. Koehler was born in Youngstown, Ohio, October 16, 1876, a son of Rudolph and Marie Koehler. In the public schools of his native city he acquired his education and when old enough laid aside his textbooks in order to make his own living. In his earlier years he joined the United States Navy and served faithfully, rendering service to his country until he was honorably discharged with the rating of carpenter's mate of the second class. Later in life he came to Sheridan, Wyoming, and became connected with the Orpheum Theatre. The enterprise had far failed of success under the management of several other parties who had been in charge before Mr. Koehler took hold. However, since he has been at the head of the organization the theatre has been very much improved and is a very popular attraction, well patronized by the public. It is in every way up-to-date and the photo plays presented to the public are of the latest and of the most interesting kind, and selected by the best of taste.

On the 14th of September, 1909, at Great Falls, Montana, Mr. Koehler married Miss Clara Louise Coleman, a daughter of T. H. and Lavina Coleman, and both he and his wife are well liked and popular in the social circles of Sheridan. Both take part in the moral and material upbuilding of their city and their efforts have been beneficial and have borne good results.

Politically Mr. Koehler is a republican, thoroughly believing in the policy of protective tariff. Along social and fraternal lines he belongs to Sheridan Lodge, No. 520, B. P. O. E. He also has membership in the Rocky Mountain Screen Club of Denver, Colorado, and through this connection often receives valuable suggestions in regard to his theatre attractions.

NEPHI J. DE LONEY.

Nephi J. De Loney, who in 1916 was elected to the office of county assessor of Uinta county by a very large majority as the candidate of the republican party, was born March 28, 1881, in the city of Evanston, where he still makes his home, his parents being Charles and Clara J. (Burton) De Loney, the former a native of Michigan, while the latter was born in England. The mother came to America with her father at an early day and settled at Piedmont, Wyoming, crossing the plains with some of the early emigrants. At the time of the Civil war Charles De Loney espoused the cause of the Union enlisting as a volunteer in a Michigan regiment and serving as a private throughout the entire period of hostilities between the north and the south. After receiving an honorable discharge and being mustered out in Michigan he resolved to try his fortune in the west and made his way to Wyoming, where he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, working in the timber. After the opening of the railroad he located at Beartown and subsequently removed to Evanston, where he first conducted a barber shop in a tent. The town was

just being established and the conditions were those which one meets in pioneer communities. Mr. De Loney continued to work at the trade for several years and afterwards engaged in the liquor business. Through all the intervening years he has been a prominent factor in the public life of the community and in its business circles. He was for four terms chosen to represent his district in the territorial legislature and after the admission of Wyoming into the union he served for two terms as a member of the state senate. Later he was appointed to the position of supervisor of the Teton forest reserve and he built the first house at Jackson, Wyoming. He now conducts most of the important business interests of Jackson. He was the founder of both Evanston and Jackson and remains active in the business of the latter place although he is now seventy-eight years of age. He was married in Evanston and his wife is still living at the age of sixty-five years. Their children are: Mrs. Clara Mills, of Evanston; Richard, who has passed away; Mrs. Hannah Cook, also deceased; William C., living in Jackson, Wyoming; Nephi J., of this review; Joseph, deceased; Herman; Mrs. Viola Lunbeck and Mrs. Frances Clark, all of Jackson, and James, who is a member of the national army.

Nephi J. De Loney spent his boyhood days largely as a pupil in the public schools of Evanston and then worked for his father, being employed for a time in his store at Jackson. Later he entered the accounting department of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, with which he was associated from 1899 until he was elected to his present position as county assessor in 1916. He was chosen to this office by a very large majority as the candidate of the republican party, the large vote being indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

Mr. De Loney was united in marriage to Miss Mae Stonebreaker, a native of Hoytsville, Utah, the marriage being celebrated in Evanston, November 23, 1901. Mrs. De Loney is a daughter of John P. Stonebreaker, of Hoytsville, who was one of the pioneer settlers of that section of Utah. Mr. and Mrs. De Loney have become the parents of four children: Claire, who was born in 1903; Charles, in 1905; Lucille, in 1912; and Burton, in 1914. The two older children are in school.

The parents are members of the Mormon church and fraternally Mr. De Loney is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World. He is very widely and favorably known throughout this section of the state and enjoys the high regard, confidence and good will of all with whom he has been associated. He has always been a resident of Wyoming and in his life displays the spirit of western enterprise and progress.

HON. LOREN W. EMLER.

Hon. Loren W. Emler has been accorded high position by his fellow citizens, having been chosen to the chief office within their power to confer. He is now mayor of Rawlins and is giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration characterized by needed reforms and improvements. He has closely studied public questions and is working along lines of progress that are producing excellent results.

He was born in Ward, Colorado, August 5, 1872, a son of Daniel Emler, who was a native of Ohio and belonged to one of the old families of that state, of German lineage. He became a stationary engineer and, removing to the west, cast in his lot among the pioneer settlers of Colorado about the year 1871. He took up his abode in Boulder county and there engaged in his chosen avocation, continuing his residence in Colorado until his death, which occurred in 1880, when he was thirty-six years of age. He passed away, however, in St. Louis, Missouri. He had become afflicted with quicksilver poisoning and was taken to St. Louis for treatment, but death claimed him. He had married Delia Hall, a native of

Ohio and of English descent. She long survived him and passed away in Boulder, Colorado, in 1915 at the age of seventy-one years.

Hon. Loren W. Emler, their only child, was educated in the public and high schools of Boulder, pursuing his studies to the age of sixteen years, when he started out to earn his own living and entered upon an apprenticeship to the plumber's trade, with which business he has since been identified. He became an expert workman in that line and on the 1st of March, 1906, he removed to Rawlins, where he immediately became connected with the J. A. Bennett Hardware Company, with which he has since been identified. He also has other business interests, for he is conducting a ranch at Meeker, Colorado. Thoroughness characterizes everything that he undertakes and his business efforts have been followed by excellent results.

At Grand Junction, Colorado, on the 15th of December, 1910, Mr. Emler was united in marriage to Miss Grace Beemer, a native of that place, her parents being pioneer settlers of Grand Junction. In his political views Mr. Emler has always been a democrat and worker in support of the party and for the advancement of civic interests. He closely studies the vital questions and issues of the day effecting the welfare of city and state, and his progressive spirit led to his nomination to the office of mayor of Rawlins, to which position he was elected in 1916, so that he is now the chief executive of the city—an important position in this era of national crisis, when his duty involves not only the direction of the ordinary affairs but all those questions which have to do with the suppression of anti-American spirit. He is proving adequate to the situation and has the support of the best people of the city. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been made a member of the organization at Boulder, Colorado, twenty-three years ago. He has filled all of the offices in the subordinate lodge and is a loyal advocate of the purposes of the organization.

ALEXANDER BROWN HAMILTON, M. D.

Dr. Alexander Brown Hamilton is one of the pioneer physicians of Laramie and throughout the entire period of his practice in the city, covering a quarter of a century, he has maintained a foremost place in public regard as a skilled and competent physician and surgeon.

He was born in Rouseville, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1861, a son of the late David Hamilton, who was also a native of the Keystone state and a representative of an old Pennsylvania family of Scotch-Irish lineage. The family was founded in America at an early period in the development of the new world and representatives of the name participated in the War of 1812. David Hamilton became a successful agriculturist of Pennsylvania, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred October 25, 1909, when he had reached the age of seventy-nine years. In politics he was an active republican, working untiringly for the success of his party yet never seeking office as a reward for party fealty. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church. He married Susan Offutt, a native of Pennsylvania and a representative of one of the old families of that state of English descent founded in America prior to the Revolutionary war. A representative of this branch of the family was a brother-in-law of Captain James Cook, the famous explorer of Australia and the South Sea, and discoverer of the Hawaiian Islands, where he was murdered. Offutt and Cook were sailors together in their younger years. Mrs. Hamilton passed away in April, 1905, at the age of seventy-five years. By her marriage she had become the mother of nine children, seven of whom are yet living.

Dr. Alexander B. Hamilton, who was the third in order of birth and is the only one living in Wyoming, pursued his education in the Grove City College of Grove City, Pennsylvania. His early life to the age of nineteen years was



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spent upon the home farm and he then started out on his own account, taking up the profession of teaching, which he followed in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, through two winter terms in 1881 and 1882. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to other professional labor, for it was his desire to become a member of the medical profession and with that end in view he entered the Western Reserve Medical Department at Cleveland, Ohio, and was graduated therefrom with the M. D. degree in March, 1886. He immediately entered upon active practice at Garland, Pennsylvania, where he continued until the fall of 1892, when he removed to Youngstown, Ohio, but there remained only until the spring of 1893, when he heard and heeded the call of the west and made his way to Laramie, where he has since lived, being continuously engaged in practice during the intervening period, covering a quarter of a century. He was one of the pioneer physicians of the city and his ability brought him prominently to the front, a position which he has always been able to maintain by reason of his wide reading, his close study and his investigations, which have kept him in touch with the most advanced and progressive methods manifest in the practice of medicine and surgery. He belongs to the Albany County Medical Society, the Wyoming State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He also has other business interests, being vice president and one of the directors of the First State Bank of Laramie.

On the 10th of September, 1885, Dr. Hamilton was united in marriage at Plaingrove, Pennsylvania, to Miss Margaret E. Martin, a native of the Keystone state and a daughter of the late Thomas and Maria (Jordan) Martin, who were representatives of prominent Pennsylvania families and have both passed away.

In public affairs Dr. Hamilton has taken an active and helpful interest and his efforts have contributed in marked degree to general progress and advancement. He is treasurer of the Albany County Free Public Library and he has cooperated in many movements that have had to do with intellectual progress. For the past seven years he has served on the executive board of the University of Wyoming. Politically he maintains an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment, and religiously he is connected with the First Presbyterian church. He stands as a splendid example of a self-made man. He worked his own way through college and through the medical school, and his advancement is due entirely to his own efforts, his laudable ambition and his high purpose. He stands not only as one of the leading representatives of his profession but also as one of the most prominent factors in connection with public and civic matters in Laramie and is widely and favorably known throughout the entire state.

CLARENCE A. SLONAKER.

Clarence A. Slonaker is one of the enterprising business men of Douglas, where he is conducting business in the ice and coal trade and also has a transfer line. He was born in Pennsylvania on the 1st of April, 1867, and is a son of John P. and Mary Slonaker. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native state, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, and in young manhood he devoted his attention to various lines of business. He was employed in a store in the east for fourteen years and when thirty-five years of age he bade adieu to friends in that section of the country and made his way westward, for he believed that better business opportunities might be secured in this section of the country. Douglas, Wyoming, became his destination and here he worked for a number of years. Eventually he turned his attention to the ice trade and gradually developed his interests until he now handles ice and coal and also conducts a transfer business. His interests along these various lines have constantly grown and developed

and his patronage is now extensive, making his business one of the profitable enterprises of Douglas. His equipment includes ten teams and one auto truck and he employs twelve men.

In November, 1891, Mr. Slonaker was united in marriage to Miss Belle Chambers and they have become the parents of five sons and three daughters, namely: Thomas Urie, Ollie, John, Charles, Clarence, Helen, Thelma and Victoria, all at home with the exception of Thomas Urie, the eldest, who is serving his country in the United States Navy.

In his political views Mr. Slonaker is an earnest democrat and while not a politician in the commonly accepted sense of office seeking, he has served as county treasurer of Converse county for four years, and was a most faithful custodian of the public funds. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons as a member of the lodge at Douglas and he also belongs to the Commercial Club. He is interested in civic movements that have to do with the welfare and upbuilding of Douglas and is devoted to the best interests of his adopted state. A spirit of progress has actuated him at all points in his career and he is classed with the valued and representative citizens of Converse county.

HON. FRANK L. HOUX.

Hon. Frank L. Houx, secretary of state for the second term and acting governor of Wyoming, has in many ways left the impress of his individuality upon the history of the state, not only as its chief executive but also as the promoter of those material interests which take cognizance of the natural resources of the state, leading to its settlement and upbuilding. He has studied closely many of the problems of Wyoming and has been active with those who have done much toward promoting its irrigation projects, thus greatly enhancing the productiveness of the land.

A native of Missouri, he was born in Lexington on the 12th of December, 1854, and is a son of George W. and Fannie (Price) Houx. The father was a farmer by occupation and served for four years in the Confederate army under General Price, who was an uncle of his wife. Both Mr. and Mrs. George W. Houx have passed away. They had a family of three sons and three daughters.

Governor Houx, who was the second in order of birth, was educated in private schools of Missouri and also had the benefit of instruction in a high school and in a business college, attending Shaw's Business College at Kansas City. He afterward took up the study of law, reading in the office of John S. Blackwell, of Lexington, Missouri, but did not complete his course. Afterward he turned his attention to commercial pursuits, in which he was engaged for ten years, and in 1886 he went west to Montana, where he engaged in the live stock business for ten years. He then removed to Cody, Wyoming, where he took up his abode on the 16th of June, 1896. Here he has since made his home and it is in the vicinity of Cody that his business interests largely center. In 1901 Hon. Frank L. Houx was elected the first mayor of Cody, while from 1902 to 1903 he served as police judge. For the terms from 1905 until 1909 he was again elected to the office of mayor. For a time he was associated with Colonel William F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill, in the construction of the Cody canal and in the settlement of the lands which then were under their united interests, and these enterprises constituted an important element in the growth and progress of that section of the state. Recognizing the possibilities for development in that section of the state, he has put forth most earnest efforts to advance its upbuilding and his labors have been far-reaching and resultant.

Endowed by nature with qualities that work for leadership, Frank L. Houx has been called upon to serve in many public positions of honor and trust. He was the first mayor of Cody and later again occupied the position for four years.



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thus largely directing the policy of the city during its formative period. In the fall of 1910 he was elected secretary of state, the first and only democrat ever chosen to the office in Wyoming. After four years' service he was reelected in 1914, so that he is now occupying the position for the second term, which extends until 1919. When Governor John B. Kendrick was elected to the United States senate, Frank L. Houx, as secretary of state, became governor and is therefore the chief executive of Wyoming at the present time.

Governor Houx has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Augusta Camp in 1875 and in 1896 she passed away. Their children were: Carrie P., now the wife of Joseph Newell; Florence, the wife of Richard Marlow; and Earl. In 1898 Governor Houx was again married, his second union being with Miss Ida Mason Christy, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah Christy, and the children of this marriage are Christy, Vera, Mercedes, and Thora.

Governor Houx has always given his political allegiance to the democratic party and has been one of the most active workers in party ranks in his state. He has closely studied the vital and significant problems of the age and keeps abreast with the best thinking men in their attitude concerning the questions which have to do with the welfare and upbuilding of commonwealth and country. Fraternally he is a Royal Arch Mason and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He is fond of fishing, hunting and other phases of outdoor life, to which he turns for needed rest and recreation. In manner he is genial, affable and kindly, and his cordiality is unfeigned, for he feels a deep interest in his fellowmen and their welfare and believes that every citizen should have a chance to develop the best that is in him.

For the last eight years he has been very active in prison reform and has made resultful efforts for the benefit of the condition of the convicts. In order to keep informed in regard to the conditions prevailing in the prisons, he has kept in close touch with the warden and has for a length of time been a member of the board of pardons, of which he is now chairman. He has been a forceful advocate of prohibition for many years and has been active in bringing about temperance conditions and molding public opinion in regard to the adoption of this important measure. He has made numerous speeches for the cause and especially one of his lectures is famous that is based upon his personal experiences during his long years of residence in the west.

An enumeration of the men of the present generation in Wyoming who have won honor and public recognition for themselves and at the same time have honored the state to which they belong would be incomplete were there failure to make prominent reference to the one whose name initiates this review, for in every connection he has borne himself with such signal dignity and honor as to gain the respect of all. He is not only a political leader but has been and is distinctively a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence. A strong mentality, invincible courage, a most determined individuality have so entered into his makeup as to make him a natural leader of men and a director of opinion.

JOHN G. RUMSEY.

A spirit of enterprise seems a part of the very atmosphere of the west. There is continually opportunity which is a call to action and a spur to ambition. The constant growth of the district offers splendid chances for business development and success is being continually won by the men of sagacity and industry. To this class belongs John G. Rumsey, who is now the president and manager of the Stock Growers' Mercantile Company of Rock Springs.

He was born January 29, 1856, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a son of the late James M. Rumsey, who was a native of New Jersey and was of English descent, the family, however, having been founded in America at an early period by James Rumsey, the inventor of the first steamboat in association

with George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. The trial of this boat was made on the Potomac, after experiments on a pond on his farm in Virginia. He came to America prior to the Revolutionary war and his descendants were among those who participated in the struggle for independence, one of the family serving as a colonel in the immediate command of Washington, and a letter written to this colonel by General Washington is now in possession of his descendant, John G. Rumsey of this review. James M. Rumsey became a successful dry goods merchant of Portsmouth, Ohio, removing from Pennsylvania to the Buckeye state prior to the Civil war. The business was conducted under the firm name of James M. Rumsey & Company and at one time was the largest wholesale dry goods enterprise in the state. At the time of the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south James M. Rumsey put aside all other considerations and went to the front, serving for ninety days. Following his return he continued a factor in the commercial interests of Portsmouth and there developed a business of large and gratifying proportions. He carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook and in his vocabulary there was no such word as fail. His interests and activities contributed to the material progress of the community in which he lived. In 1897 he removed to the west, taking up his abode in Denver, Colorado, where he lived retired, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life until called to the home beyond. He was born July 29, 1829, and had reached the age of seventy-four years when called to his final rest in Denver in 1903. In early manhood he had wedded Harriett A. Gaffy, who was born in New York city, November 18, 1832, and belonged to one of the old families of the Empire state, her father being Captain John S. Gaffy, who through three administrations was connected with the United States custom house in New York. Prior to that time he was a captain on the Hudson river on one of the boats of the Stevens Steamship Line, which also owned a number of ocean-going vessels. The Gaffys were of Irish descent and in the maternal line the ancestry was Scotch. Mrs. Rumsey is still living and makes her home at Rock Springs. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, four of whom survive, namely: John G.; Eliza W., a resident of Rock Springs; James M., who is a banker of Rawlins and is also a well known stock man of Wyoming; and William T., who is yet living in Rock Springs.

John G. Rumsey was quite young when his parents removed from Philadelphia to Ohio, so that his education was acquired in the public schools of Portsmouth and later he entered Princeton College, in which he pursued his course to the junior year. At the age of eighteen he started out to provide for his own support and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources, his progress being the result of unflinching industry and laudable ambition on his part. He served an apprenticeship in the mammoth mercantile establishment of A. T. Stewart & Company of New York city, the predecessors of the establishment of John Wanamaker. That store at the time was the largest in the world, having over four thousand employees. There Mr. Rumsey remained for four years and later he entered the employ of the Markley-Alling Company of Chicago, wholesale hardware dealers, with whom he continued for three and a half years. He was afterward general manager for United States Senator George L. Shoup of Idaho, being associated with him in general merchandise interests at Bonanza, Idaho, for a period of three years.

Mr. Rumsey's identification with Wyoming dates from the 1st of December, 1906, when he arrived at Fort Steele and became general manager for the Cosgriff Brothers Company, with whom he continued until the 4th of March, 1907, when he removed to Rock Springs and in connection with others purchased the business in which he is now engaged and which was then conducted under the name of Tim Kinney & Company. This was one of the first mercantile establishments in the state. On the 4th of March, 1907, the business was incorporated under the style of the Stock Growers' Mercantile Company and from that time has been one of the successful and growing commercial

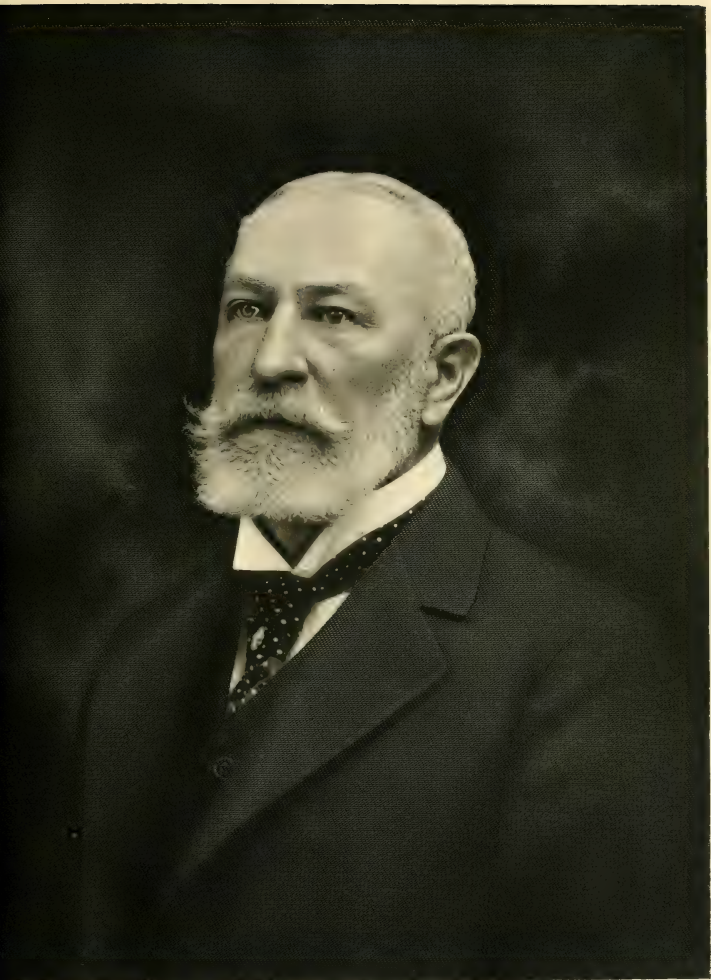
interests of Wyoming and is today the most extensive general mercantile establishment in the state conducting both a wholesale and retail business. The officers of the company are: John G. Rumsey, president; W. H. Gottchie, of Rock Springs, vice president; J. W. Hay, secretary; while Mr. Rumsey is also the treasurer. As the executive head of this enterprise he has done much to shape its policy and control its interests. The company has ever been most careful concerning the personnel of the house, the line of goods carried, the treatment rendered customers and the methods followed. The reputation of the house for integrity and reliability is an unassailable one and in all that they undertake here the officers are actuated by a spirit of progressiveness that has brought good results. Mr. Rumsey is also president of the J. K. Moore Company at Fort Washakie and is the president of the Arapahoe Trading Company of Arapahoe, Wyoming. He is a man of marked business ability, forceful and resourceful, and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible. Obstacles and difficulties in his path have seemed but to serve as a stimulus and an impetus to renewed effort on his part and he has ever been watchful of all indications pointing to success in the lines of his trade and he meets every emergency that arises with the confidence that comes from a right conception of things and an habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities. He now occupies an attractive home in Rock Springs, where his mother also resides, being hale and hearty at the age of eight-five years and keenly interested in current events. Mr. Rumsey delights in surrounding her with all of the comforts of life, thus repaying her in filial care for her devotion to him in his youthful years.

In his political views Mr. Rumsey is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is an Elk and a thirty-second degree Mason and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

ROBERT H. HOMER.

Robert H. Homer, a prominent figure in banking circles and a gentleman of liberal culture, "well descended and well bred," is president of the Albany County Bank of Laramie and in other connections has been a leading factor in the development and progress of his adopted city and state. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, May 16, 1849, and is a representative of one of the oldest families of that state of English lineage. The family was founded in America by Captain John Homer, who came to the new world in 1672. He owned a sailing vessel and on board his ship came from Great Britain to the new world when twenty-five years of age. He took up his abode in Boston and his descendants have since been found in Massachusetts and have also scattered to other sections of the Union. He married Margery Stephens and passed away in Boston, November 1, 1717, leaving six sons and two daughters.

The father of Robert H. Homer was the late Peter Thatcher Homer, who was born in Boston, February 22, 1804, and was a successful dry goods merchant and importer of his native city. At the age of twenty-one years he became a member of the dry goods firm of B. F. Adams & Company and spent many years in England as the representative of that firm, purchasing goods direct from the mills and otherwise looking after the foreign trade. He thus became intimately acquainted with many of England's leading manufacturers and representative people. In time, through changes in the personnel of the firm, the style of Homer, Adams & Company was assumed and their house was one of the leading commercial enterprises of New England. Mr. Homer was also prominent in railway building in that section of the country, was actively identified with manufacturing interests and was the founder of a large number of corporations which con-



Robert A. Homer

tributed in marked measure to the business development and substantial progress of his city and state. He was a staunch democrat in politics and was at one time a candidate for congress as the opponent of Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, who was elected. During the third term of Governor John A. Andrews, in 1863, Mr. Homer was made a member of Governor Andrews' council and thus served through the Civil war, representing the first Massachusetts district as councillor. He was very active in affairs bearing upon the welfare of state and nation and became widely known throughout the entire country. He died in 1886 at the age of eighty-two years and his remains were interred in Mount Auburn cemetery in Boston. His father was a soldier of the War of 1812 and witnessed the fight between the Shannon and the Chesapeake. He, too, was active in affairs which had to do with the upbuilding of commonwealth and country. The mother of Robert H. Homer bore the maiden name of Caroline Bunker and was a daughter of William J. Bunker, of New York, a representative of one of the old families of the Empire state and of English descent. Mrs. Homer passed away three months prior to the death of her husband. In their family were four children, three of whom are still living: Anna B., who is a resident of Boston; Margaret, the wife of Charles Davis, of that city; and Robert H., of this review. One son, William Homer, is deceased.

Robert H. Homer obtained his education in the public schools of Boston, which he attended until he reached the age of seventeen years and then started out in the business world in connection with the dry goods trade, representing the firm of Harding, Converse & Gray, with which he continued for three years. He next went abroad and was in France during the period of the Franco-Prussian war. On his return from Europe he removed to the west, settling in Albany county, Wyoming, in August, 1871. Here he turned his attention to the business of stock raising and ranching and he became one of the most prominent ranchmen of the state. He is the owner of Flag Ranch, one of Wyoming's finest ranch properties, splendidly equipped. The exceptionally attractive residence thereon, shown elsewhere in this work, was planned and constructed under the personal direction and supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Homer. It was built entirely of home products, constructed of materials found on the ranch, save the windows and doors, and is artistic in design, workmanship and furnishings. Mr. Homer has witnessed many of the events which figure on the pages of Wyoming's history in early times and has vivid recollection of those trying and turbulent border days. His reminiscences of the state during its formative period are most interesting. Not only did he become prominently connected with ranching and stock raising, but has extended his efforts into other fields with good results. He became one of the incorporators of the Laramie National Bank and was at one time president of the Wyoming Bank of Laramie, both of which have since been absorbed by the First National Bank of Laramie. Mr. Homer became president of the Albany County National Bank in January, 1901, and has since occupied that position, covering a period of sixteen years, during which time he has largely shaped the policy of the institution. He has ever recognized the fact that the bank is most worthy of support which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depositors, and in the conduct of his business he has furthermore displayed keen discrimination and sound sagacity.

On the 26th of February, 1888, in Providence, Rhode Island, Mr. Homer was united in marriage to Miss Belle Stuart White, a native of Dorchester, Massachusetts, and a descendant of Peregrine White, the first child born after the landing of the Pilgrims from the Mayflower, while through the Stuarts she comes of an old New England family of Scotch lineage, being a descendant of Maria Stuart. Her grandmother in the maternal line was Susan Moies, who at the time of her death was the oldest member of the Congregational Board of New England and a confrere of Dr. Constantine Blodgett, a noted Congregational divine. Mrs. Homer is a lady of refinement, cultured and well bred, whose education has been supplemented by extensive travel, bringing broad general information. She has readily adapted herself to western life and during her long

residence in Wyoming has become endeared to hosts of warm friends, Mr. and Mrs. Homer occupying a very enviable position in the leading social circles of their section of the state.

Mr. Homer gives his political endorsement to the democratic party and served as a member of the legislature of Wyoming from 1877 until 1883, or for three terms of two years each, during which he gave thoughtful consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement and left the impress of his individuality and ability in large measure upon the laws of the state. He is prominently known in club circles throughout the country, holding membership in the Somerset Club of Boston, the Boston Athletic Club, the Boston Country Club, the Reform Club of New York city and the Rocky Mountain Club of New York city. He holds membership in the Unitarian church in Laramie and he is interested in all those forces which have to do with the uplift of the individual and the betterment of the community.

He is interested in those things which have cultural value in the lives of men and he has greatly enjoyed travel, with the opportunities which it brings. In company with Mrs. Homer, he has traveled extensively over Europe and in fact has visited almost every country on the face of the globe, making several trips around the world and having personal acquaintance with the distinguished men of many countries. He was a national commissioner in Paris during the World's Fair held there in 1900. His ranch home, which he occupies, nine miles south of Laramie, contains a rare and valuable collection of art and other treasures gathered from all parts of the universe, suggesting the artistic tastes of both Mr. and Mrs. Homer. This is a source of great interest and pride to the owner and to the citizens of the community.

Mr. Homer is indeed a most highly cultured gentleman of innate refinement, is a magnetic speaker and is widely known for his lovable character. He has the faculty of placing all at ease in his presence and there is one point in his career to which the old settlers refer with pride—that as a financier or business man he has always been the same genial, courteous gentleman whose ways are those of refinement and whose word no man can question.

A. D. KELLEY.

A. D. Kelley is one of the well known representatives of commercial enterprise in Cheyenne, being president of the Kelley Mercantile Company. Under that name he is successfully engaged in the wholesale and retail grocery business.

He was born in Indiana on the 2d of February, 1858, and is a son of Francis M. and Jane (Burge) Kelley, the former a native of Ohio, while the latter was born in Kentucky. A. D. Kelley pursued his education in the public schools of Indiana and of Nebraska, the family having removed to the latter state when he was but seven years of age and before there was a railroad west of the Mississippi river. He feels, however, that his most valuable lessons have been gained in the school of experience. He has tried to benefit by each new experience that has come to him and by reading and study he has greatly broadened his knowledge. For a year he engaged in teaching school, after which he made his way to the Black Hills during the gold excitement in that section of the country. He was there engaged in prospecting and freighting for two years. On the 16th of February, 1878, he came to Cheyenne and was employed in a grocery store for four years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings, ambitious to some day engage in business on his own account. He then felt that his capital justified him in taking the step and he at once established the wholesale and retail grocery house which he has since conducted, his business steadily growing as the years have gone by and as this section of the country has become more and more thickly settled. He is today active in control of his interests as the president of the Kelley Mercantile Company and in this undertaking has met with very substantial and



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gratifying success. He is also manager of the National Brokerage Company, is president of the Plymouth Rock Oil Company and vice president of the Cheyenne Building & Loan Association, and has been a member of its board since its organization or for over seventeen years. The last named organization has done much for the improvement and upbuilding of Cheyenne and Mr. Kelley may well be proud of his connection with it. Through this means many have been able to gain homes which otherwise they would probably not have secured and the stability and substantial growth of Cheyenne has been greatly augmented in this way.

On the 11th of February, 1878, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Moran and to them have been born the following children: Frank A., who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Ed. J., who is manager of the retail Kelley Mercantile Company; Grace G.; Mrs. Flora M. Ott, wife of Julius F. Ott, manager of the wholesale house of the Kelley Mercantile Company; and Mrs. Hazel J. Hutchison, wife of James Hutchison.

Mr. Kelley votes with the republican party and has been quite prominent in its ranks, serving as city treasurer of Cheyenne, as sheriff of Laramie county in 1891 and 1892 and as a member of the territorial legislature in 1884, before the admission of Wyoming into the Union. In 1893 he was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature for a two years' term, and was reelected in 1895 and served to 1897. He was speaker of the house during the last session in which connection he rendered rulings that were strictly fair and impartial. He was identified with much constructive legislation and he has always stood for progress and improvement in public affairs, taking an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of city, state, and nation. Evidence thereof is the fact that he is chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, having done important and resultant work in this connection. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He has membership in the Industrial Club and for eight years was president of the old Commercial Club. He is a broad-minded man of big ideas, unfaltering in enterprise, determined in purpose and actuated at all times by marked devotion to the general good.

HORACE R. CHRISTMAS.

Horace R. Christmas, of Kemmerer, has figured prominently in connection with law practice and with political affairs in Lincoln county and is now a member of the law firm of H. E. & H. R. Christmas, enjoying an extensive practice at the bar of his district.

He was born in Grand Haven, Michigan, January 28, 1882, and is a son of Horace E. and Margaret J. (Leggett) Christmas. The father was a native of Alton, England, and in young manhood crossed the Atlantic to the new world. He had pursued his early law studies in England and he continued his preparation for the bar after becoming a resident of Michigan, being admitted to practice in that state and later in Wyoming. He has since been very prominent in legal circles in Wyoming and is numbered among the representative and honored lawyers of Lincoln county. He has one of the largest and finest law libraries to be found in his portion of the state and has well appointed law offices. His practice has always been of an important character and has constantly grown and developed with the settlement of this section of the state. He has received the appointment of United States commissioner and is filling the position at the present time in connection with his professional activities and duties. For ten years after his removal to the west he was in the service of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Rock Springs, Wyoming, which position he resigned to accept that of assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Rock Springs.

He acted in that capacity until 1894, when he was admitted to the bar of Wyoming and entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. In October, 1898, he took up his abode in Kemmerer and upon the incorporation of the city was chosen city attorney. He also became city attorney of Diamondville upon its incorporation.

Mr. Christmas has figured prominently in connection with the Wyoming National Guard and has been very active in military circles. He holds a commission with the rank of colonel. Colonel Christmas was married in Michigan to Miss Margaret J. Leggett, of Grand Haven, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom Horace R. of this review is the eldest. The others are: J. A., living in Kemmerer; C. A., who is engaged in the drug business in Kemmerer; Mrs. W. J. Witherspoon, whose husband is a hardware merchant of Kemmerer; and Margaret, Marjorie, Frank M. and Cornelia, all of whom are at home.

In his boyhood days Horace R. Christmas was a pupil in the schools of Rock Springs, Wyoming, and continued his education under private instruction until he entered the University of Wyoming, while subsequently he became a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. There he pursued his law course and was graduated with the class of 1908. He then returned to his father's home in Kemmerer and entered into partnership with his father under the present firm style of H. E. & H. R. Christmas. They rank with the leading attorneys of Wyoming. The young man had the benefit of the experience and training of his father and thus started upon his professional career under exceptionally favorable circumstances. They are both members of the Wyoming Bar Association and of the American Bar Association.

On the 12th of September, 1917, Mr. Christmas was united in marriage to Miss Eugenia Stayner, of Salt Lake City, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Stayner, who are still residents of Salt Lake City. The father is a well known instructor in music and a prominent composer, having published many fine compositions.

Fraternally Mr. Christmas is a thirty-second degree Mason and is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Rock Springs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was called upon to represent his district in the state legislature in 1911. He has also served as district court commissioner and his record is in harmony with that of his honored father, who has long figured as one of the prominent citizens of Wyoming. The firm ranks among the foremost lawyers of the state and the record of the young man has added new lustre to an untarnished family name.

CHARLES D. SPALDING.

Charles D. Spalding, cashier of the Albany County National Bank at Laramie, is one of the best known men in banking circles in southern Wyoming, and while but little past middle age has been for more than a quarter of a century identified with the city's financial institutions, thus acquiring a business prestige as well as a personal acquaintance equalled by very few men in Laramie.

He was born in Bloomington, Illinois, February 25, 1872, a son of Charles W. and Annetta (Dawson) Spalding, who were natives of Kentucky and of Illinois respectively. Soon after the Civil war the father removed to Illinois, having previously served through the war as a member of an Illinois volunteer regiment, in which he made an exceptionally good record for fidelity and bravery. He was afterward a well known government employe in the United States post office at Bloomington, Ill. He became a pioneer of Laramie, served as county clerk of Albany county and his last days were passed here. He was born in 1835 and had therefore reached the age of seventy-three years when in 1908 he was called to the home beyond. His widow is still living and is a resident of Laramie. They

were the parents of three children: George Spalding, who resides in Omaha, Nebraska; Irene Spalding, who is deceased; and Charles D., of this review.

The last named was the eldest of the family and was a little lad of but four summers when in 1876 his parents removed to Laramie, becoming pioneer citizens here. He attended the public schools of Laramie and afterward entered the preparatory department of the University of Wyoming, subsequent to which time he made his initial step in the business world. For a time he was in the employ of his father, who was county clerk of Albany county, and in 1890 he became identified with the banking business, entering the Wyoming National Bank, with which institution he was connected until 1895. He was afterward with the First National Bank until 1900 in various departments and became connected with the Albany County Bank as assistant cashier, being elected to the position of cashier in 1903. He has capably filled this office ever since and has come to be regarded as one of the ablest men in his capacity in the city. He is a courteous and obliging official, extending the assistance of the bank wherever possible but never exceeding the point where the interests of depositors or stockholders might be jeopardized. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of banking and his work in this connection has done much for the success of the institution.

On the 7th of September, 1898, in Laramie, Mr. Spalding was united in marriage to Miss Allie Crumrine, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Crumrine, who were natives of Pennsylvania and came to Wyoming in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Spalding have one child, Charles C., who was born in Laramie in 1902 and is now a high school pupil.

The parents are consistent members of the Episcopal church and Mr. Spalding is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is serving on the board of trustees of the State University, and his aid and influence can always be counted upon to further any plan or project for the public good. Starting out in life without any special advantages, he has constantly worked his way upward and stands high in financial circles. Moreover, the esteem and good will of his fellow townsmen is cordially extended him, for his has been an upright life and he possesses a genial, social nature that makes for personal popularity.

HON. CHARLES N. POTTER.

Hon. Charles N. Potter, chief justice of Wyoming, who since January, 1895, has been a member of the supreme court of the state, his present term to continue until 1918, when he will have occupied this position of high judicial preferment for twenty-three years, is one who by an unassailable record has reflected credit and honor upon the people of the state who have honored him.

He was born in Cooperstown, New York, October 31, 1852, a son of George W. and Mary J. (Marcellus) Potter. After acquiring a public school education, completed by graduation from the high school at Grand Rapids, Michigan, with the class of 1870, he took up the study of law in the University of Michigan and won his LL. B. degree with the class of 1873. He then entered upon law practice in Grand Rapids, where he remained until 1876, and in March of that year he arrived in Cheyenne, Wyoming, having been a resident of Michigan from 1854 until 1876, or for a period of twenty-two years. For forty-two years he has made his home in Wyoming and has left the impress of his individuality and ability in marked manner upon the records of the state. Entering upon the practice of law, he was not long in winning distinction at the bar and was also called to leadership in connection with political and public affairs. From 1890 until 1892 he served as secretary of the republican state central committee of Wyoming, covering the first state campaign. In 1889 he had been chosen a member of the Wyoming constitutional convention and thus took active part in framing the organic law of the commonwealth. He had been a resident of Wyoming



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for only a brief period when he was first called to public office, being appointed city attorney of Cheyenne in 1878 and reappointed in 1879 and again in 1880. In 1889 he was again appointed to that office. He was county and prosecuting attorney of Laramie county from 1881 until 1883 and later he served, as previously indicated, as a valued member of the constitutional convention. After he had for two years been secretary of the Wyoming state republican central committee he was made delegate from Wyoming and chairman of the delegation to the republican national convention held in Minneapolis in 1892. In February, 1891, he became attorney general of the state of Wyoming and occupied that position until January, 1895. At this time he became a member of the supreme court of Wyoming by election, having been chosen for the supreme bench at the general election in November, 1894, and he has ever since sat upon this bench of last resort. Still higher honors came to him on the 9th of December, 1897, when he became chief justice. He was reelected at the general election in 1902, again becoming chief justice in April, 1905, and was reelected in 1910 and again became chief justice in 1915.

On August 22, 1877, at Muskegon, Michigan, Justice Potter was married to Miss Bessie C. Ireland, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Slater) Ireland, and to them were born three children, two sons who died in childhood, and a daughter, Ada, the widow of Walter B. Dunton, late of Rock Springs, Wyoming, who died May 4, 1917.

Judge Potter's interest in community affairs is indicated by his active service as a member of the Cheyenne Board of Education, on which he served from 1888 until 1897, and he was also president of the Cheyenne Industrial Club from 1910 until 1913. He is a Mason of high standing, the honorary thirty-third degree having been conferred upon him. He belongs to Acacia Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of Cheyenne, is a past grand master of the grand lodge of Wyoming and was secretary of the Past Grand Masters' Association in 1911 and 1912. He is likewise past grand chancellor of the Wyoming Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias and is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World. Since coming to the west he has made his home in Cheyenne and his activities have had much to do with shaping the interests and molding the history of the entire state.

FRANK GATCHELL.

Frank Gatchell, a civil engineer practicing as a member of the firm of Burritt & Gatchell, was born in North Dakota on the 20th of October, 1881, a son of P. A. and Harriet O. (Ostrander) Gatchell, the former a native of Maine, while the latter was born in the state of New York. At the time of the Civil war the father responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in the First Maine Heavy Artillery, with which he served until the close of hostilities, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements. He afterward removed westward to Nebraska and for a time resided in North Dakota, but in 1893 became a resident of Sheridan, Wyoming, where he engaged in newspaper publication. He was also registrar of the land office at Buffalo for four years and he and his wife still make their home in Buffalo, where they are highly esteemed by all who have been brought in contact with them. They had a family of six children, of whom four are yet living.

Frank Gatchell was a young lad when brought by his parents to Wyoming and in the public schools of Buffalo he pursued his early education, completing a course in the high school, after which he became a student in the Highland Park Academy of Des Moines, Iowa, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He studied civil engineering while in that school and afterward came to Buffalo, where for twelve years he occupied the position of county engineer. He was later appointed chief engineer for the Wyoming Railway and acted in

that capacity for four years. He then began the private practice of his profession in Buffalo, where he has since remained, and has secured a good clientage in his chosen field of labor, practicing now as a partner in the firm of Burritt & Gatchell. Constant demands are made upon his time and energies in a professional connection and his work is conducted along the most practical and scientific lines.

In 1903 Mr. Gatchell was united in marriage to Miss Winona Munkres, who was born in Colorado in 1881 but was only fifteen months old when her parents removed with their family to Wyoming. She has become the mother of two children: Joris O., who was born July 22, 1904; and Harriet Sibyl, born October 19, 1906.

Mrs. Gatchell is a member of the Episcopal church and fraternally Mr. Gatchell is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. They are pleasantly situated in Buffalo and in addition to his property in the city Mr. Gatchell owns eighty acres with a nice summer home three miles from Buffalo. He is most attractively and pleasantly located, with an interesting family, with a good business and with many friends who enjoy his companionship and who entertain for him warm regard.

E. S. LAUZER, M. D.

Dr. E. S. Lauzer is recognized as a capable physician and surgeon, successfully practicing at Rock Springs, but his fellow townsmen have also recognized the fact that he is qualified for leadership in public affairs and have called upon him to assume the reins of city government. He is now filling the position of mayor, in which connection he is exercising his official prerogatives in support of many well defined plans and projects for the general good and is giving to his city a businesslike administration.

Dr. Lauzer is a native of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Hutchinson, January 29, 1882, his parents being Simon and Anna (Tmey) Lauzer, both of whom are natives of Bohemia, whence they came to America in 1857. Mr. Lauzer's study of his adopted land, its conditions and its interests led him to espouse the cause of the Union at the time of the Civil war and he became a member of Company A of the First United States Infantry. He won rank as a non-commissioned officer and rendered active service to his adopted land in her hour of peril, participating in many hotly contested engagements, in which he proved his valor and his loyalty. In days of peace his attention was given to agricultural pursuits and he became a well known farmer of Minnesota, where he devoted many years to the work of tilling the soil. At the present time, however, he is living retired, occupying a beautiful home in Minneapolis, where he and his wife are now able to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. They reared a family of six children: Emily; Anna; Abby; Fred; Joseph; and E. S., of this review.

The last named was the third in order of birth. He began his education in the public schools of Hutchinson, Minnesota, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1901. His advanced studies were pursued in the University of Nebraska, where he completed his medical course in 1905, winning the professional degree. Immediately afterward he came to Rock Springs, Wyoming, being sent by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, where he entered upon the active duties of his profession under the supervision of Dr. R. N. Reed, surgeon for the Union Pacific Railway & Coal Company at Rock Springs. He remained in that connection for two years and then entered upon the private practice of medicine, in which he has since continued, being recognized as one of the leading physicians not only of his city but of this section of the state. He has a very large and lucrative practice and is splendidly qualified to cope with the intricate problems that con-

tinually confront the physician because he has been a close and discriminating student of the profession, reading broadly, thinking deeply and keeping in touch with advanced professional thought, research and scientific investigation. He is now physician and surgeon for the Wyoming Coal Company, the Lion Coal Company and the Central Coal & Coke Company of Rock Springs and he is a member of the Wyoming State and the American Medical Associations.

On the 18th of June, 1914, Dr. Lauzer was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna (Geise) Miller at Sidney, Nebraska. Mrs. Lauzer is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Geise, the former a pioneer settler of Nebraska and an associate of Colonel William F. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill. He acted as Indian scout under Colonel Cody and experienced many of the hardships and privations of pioneer life in the west. By her former marriage Mrs. Lauzer had a daughter, Mabel Frances Miller, who was born in Saratoga in 1901, and is now a student in Brownell Hall at Omaha, Nebraska. She is as dear to the Doctor as though she were his own child.

Dr. Lauzer is well known in Masonic circles, having taken the degrees of the York Rite and of the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Elks lodge at Rock Springs. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has served as county physician and surgeon of Sweetwater county, while in 1916 he was elected to the office of mayor of Rock Springs, in which connection his fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of admiration and high regard by reason of his faithful performance of the duties that devolve upon him. He is public-spirited and cooperates earnestly in all plans to advance the interests of the city, to extend its trade relations and to uphold and advance its civic standards. Guided in life by most creditable principles, he has made for himself an enviable name and place in both professional and business circles.

N. R. GREENFIELD.

N. R. Greenfield, a well known and prominent representative of the legal fraternity in Carbon county, practicing at Rawlins, formerly filled the office of prosecuting attorney of the county and through the period of his residence here has always been accorded a gratifying private practice that has constantly grown in volume.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Greenfield was born at Freeport on the 24th of February, 1874, a son of Frederick and Etta (Poppen) Greenfield, who became residents of Illinois in the early '50s, settling near Freeport. The father devoted his life to farming for a considerable period and then removed to Lexington, Nebraska. He was also engaged in general agricultural pursuits in that state, where he continued to reside until 1902, when he removed to South Dakota, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest. He passed away near Huron, South Dakota, in 1912, at the age of seventy-six years, while his widow survived until 1914, and was seventy-five years of age at the time of her demise. They had a family of twelve children.

N. R. Greenfield, who was the sixth in order of birth, spent his boyhood largely in acquiring an education, supplementing his early training, received in the district schools, by a course in the high school at Lexington, Nebraska, where he was graduated with the class of 1893. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years in that state and later he became a student in the Nebraska State University at Lincoln, where he completed a course in law as a member of the class of 1897. He located for practice in Lexington, Nebraska, where he remained until March, 1899, and then came to Rawlins. He has since been one of the foremost representatives of the bar in this city. A liberal clientage has been accorded him and he has won numerous cases of importance, many of which have rested upon involved and intricate legal problems, for which he has found ready and correct solution. His devo-

tion to his clients' interests is proverbial and he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. He served as county attorney of Carbon county from 1905 until 1911 and made an excellent record during his incumbency in that office. He belongs to the Nebraska State Bar Association and the Wyoming State Bar Association and has been a member of the state board of law examiners. He has likewise become identified with mining interests in the west and is director of a number of mining and oil corporations of Wyoming.

In August, 1902, at Rawlins, Mr. Greenfield was united in marriage to Mrs. Minnie (Carr) Kelly, widow of L. C. Kelly. Fraternally Mr. Greenfield is well known as a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and as a Mason of high rank. He has taken all of the York and Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second degree in the consistory and he has filled various offices in the order, while in 1917 he was a delegate to the Imperial Council at Minneapolis. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party but he does not seek nor desire office outside the strict path of his profession, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his law practice. He is the owner of a splendidly equipped law office and law library and he is a man of rare business ability as well as of marked professional skill, having won for himself a position of distinction in connection with a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and power.

HON. W. P. RICKETTS.

A record of notable achievement is that of Hon. W. P. Ricketts, who, starting out in the business world in a humble capacity, has steadily worked his way upward. In the spring of 1875 he came to Wyoming, then a youth of seventeen years, and for some time he rode the range. Gradually he was advanced to positions requiring executive force and keen discernment, and eventually he embarked in the cattle business on his own account, becoming in the course of years one of the prominent cattlemen of the state. In other connections, too, he has figured prominently, being one of the democratic leaders of Wyoming.

A native of Kentucky, he was born on the 9th of February, 1859, and is a son of T. B. and Mildred P. (Turner) Ricketts. The family came to Missouri in 1860 and settled near Liberty, where the father engaged in teaching in the country schools and also followed the carpenter's trade. The mother passed away when her son W. P. was about seven years of age, leaving a family of three children, but the two daughters are now deceased. The father died on Thanksgiving day of 1917 at the advanced age of ninety years.

W. P. Ricketts was reared to young manhood in Missouri, where he attended the country schools, and later became a high school student at Independence, Missouri, pursuing his studies there for two years. He acquired a better education than most boys of the neighborhood because of the fact that his father was a teacher and was much interested in educational progress, realizing the value of intellectual training as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1875, when about seventeen years of age, W. P. Ricketts left home and made his way westward to Fort Collins, Colorado, where he arrived about the middle of February. He went to work in a flour mill there but in the spring of the same year removed to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and entered the employ of the Seawright Brothers Cattle Company, operating fifty miles north of Cheyenne. He worked at everything that a cattleman has to do, including riding the range, cow punching, etc., and was in the employ of the company for eleven years, regarded as one of its most capable and trusted representatives. In the spring of 1886 he went to work for the North American Cattle Company as foreman and when in 1888 that company consolidated with the Western Union Beef Company,



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Mr. Ricketts entered the employ of the company as general superintendent for Wyoming and Montana. He remained in that connection until 1898, in which year the company closed out their business, and Mr. Ricketts purchased their holdings and equipment and embarked in the cattle business on his own account. That he has prospered is indicated by the fact that he is today ranked with the most prominent cattlemen of northern Wyoming. He is the owner of the Sunnyside ranch, located thirty-five miles north of Gillette, in Campbell county. This is one of the most modern and splendidly equipped ranches in that part of the country. The buildings are large and substantial, furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock as well as for the men employed on the ranch, the farm machinery is of the latest improved pattern and everything about the ranch indicates the progressive spirit and practical methods of the owner, who is now extensively and successfully engaged in the raising and breeding of both horses and cattle.

Mr. Ricketts was united in marriage to Miss Nettie C. Wilson, a native of Hot Springs, South Dakota, on the 20th of January, 1893, and she passed away on the 2d of January, 1911. In politics Mr. Ricketts has always been a stalwart democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and during the session of 1911 he represented his district in the house of representatives. When Campbell county was organized in 1912 he was elected chairman of the board of county commissioners and served in that capacity in a most acceptable manner for four years, being the first incumbent in the position and doing much to systematize the work of the office and to establish the policy of the county through the exercise of his official duties. The great English statesman, Gladstone, one said: "Believe me when I tell you that thrift of time will repay you in after life a usury of profit beyond your most sanguine dreams and that waste of it will make you dwindle alike in intellectual and moral stature beyond your darkest reckoning." Every man as he approaches middle life realizes the truth of these words of England's great scholar and statesman, but Mr. Ricketts did not wait for middle life to become cognizant of the spirit of those words. From his young days he has displayed a spirit of thrift that has made for success in life with him. There have been few idle hours in his career. "America," declared the philosopher Emerson, "is another name for opportunity," and the opportunities that have surrounded W. P. Ricketts he has wisely utilized and improved and now stands among the foremost business men of northern Wyoming and as one of the honored citizens of the state.

JAMES G. STANLEY.

James G. Stanley, actively engaged in the practice of law at Casper, was born at Gary, South Dakota, March 4, 1881, a son of William H. and Rebecca (Aiken) Stanley. He supplemented his public school training by study in Black Hills College at Hot Springs, South Dakota, and in the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, from which he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1902. With broad literary training to serve as a foundation on which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge, he entered the Columbian Law School at Washington, D. C., and was graduated with the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1904.

He has since concentrated his attention upon his practice and as the years have passed he has won a clientele that is large and of a distinctively representative character. He prepares his cases with great care and his presentation shows wide research. In no instance has his reading been confined to the limitations of the questions at issue; it has gone beyond and compassed every contingency and provided not alone for the expected but for the unexpected, which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them. His logical grasp of facts and principles of the law applicable to them has been another potent element

in his success and a remarkable clearness of expression and adequate and precise diction enable him to make others understand not only the salient points of his argument, but his every fine gradation of meaning and this may be accounted one of his most conspicuous gifts and accomplishments. During the period of his residence in Lead, South Dakota, he served as city attorney from 1908 until 1917 and was a delegate from South Dakota to the republican national convention held in Chicago in June, 1916. These facts are indicative of his prominence in the community and his influence over public thought and action. He became a resident of Casper in 1917 and has already built up a practice of gratifying proportions.

On the 2d of August, 1911, Mr. Stanley was married in Springfield, South Dakota, to Miss Edith Stevens, a daughter of George Stevens, and they have one child, Mary Edith.

Mr. Stanley belongs to the Hamilton Club of Chicago, which is one of the strong republican organizations of that city. Fraternally he is a Mason and also an Elk and exemplifies in his life the beneficent principles upon which these orders are based.

WILLIAM EDWARDS CHAPLIN.

William Edwards Chaplin is numbered among those who framed the organic law of the state as members of the constitutional convention of Wyoming. He is also a prominent citizen and newspaper man of the state, well known as the editor of the Laramie Republican, one of the most progressive republican papers of the west.

He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, February 25, 1860, a son of Edwards Hastings and Helen Constance (Stillman) Chaplin, who were pioneer people of Omaha, having removed to that city from a farm in Illinois. They had gone to Illinois from Ohio in 1845 and thus step by step made their way westward. The father was born in Urbana, Ohio, and the Chaplins were of English descent. One of the early representatives of the name was Benjamin Chaplin, who settled in Massachusetts at an early period in its colonization, and the town of Chaplin was named in his honor. He married Sarah Edwards, a daughter of Timothy Edwards and a granddaughter of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, one of the early and distinguished clergymen of New England. The line of descent comes down through Benjamin Chaplin, Jonathan Edwards and Edward Hastings to William Edwards Chaplin of this review. In the early years of the nineteenth century Jonathan Edwards Chaplin removed to Ohio and his son, Edwards Hastings Chaplin, was born in Ohio, March 21, 1822. The latter was reared to manhood in that state and after mastering the elementary branches of learning went to New England to continue his studies in Yale University of New Haven, being there graduated with the class of 1845. He afterward became a resident of Swan, Warren county, Illinois, and in 1856 he removed westward to Nebraska, settling near Omaha. There he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring on the 12th of February, 1873. In 1851 he had married Helen Constance Stillman, who died April 9, 1872. They were the parents of five children, all of whom have passed away with the exception of William Edwards Chaplin of this review, who was the youngest.

To the age of thirteen years W. E. Chaplin remained in Omaha, Nebraska, and in 1873 came with a brother and sister to Wyoming, settling at Laramie. He was then apprenticed to Colonel E. A. Slack, a pioneer publisher of Wyoming, in order to learn the printer's trade. He entered the colonel's office in Laramie on the Laramie Daily Independent. In 1876 Colonel Slack removed to Cheyenne and established the Cheyenne Daily Sun, which was later merged into the Daily Leader of today. Mr. Chaplin, however, remained in Laramie until the fall of 1876, when he joined Colonel Slack in Cheyenne and worked on the Sun until



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1878. Late in that year he returned to Laramie, where he was employed in connection with the publication of local papers until the spring of 1881. In that year the celebrated Bill Nye established *The Boomerang*, which later became so widely known, and Mr. Chaplin became its first foreman, as well as a stockholder in the paper. In 1883 he obtained a larger interest in the paper, with Mark Jennings and George A. Garrett as his associates, while Mr. Nye withdrew. In 1886 Mr. Jennings sold his interest to others and the new firm style of McKee & Chaplin was assumed. This firm continued the publication of the paper until 1890, when *The Boomerang* was sold to a syndicate of Albany county democrats, headed by N. E. Corthell. Since that time *The Boomerang* has been conducted as a democratic paper. In August, 1890, the firm of McKee & Chaplin established the *Laramie Republican* and a year later the junior partner purchased the interest of Mr. McKee, since which time he has had as partners Frank Spafford and James Mathison. These three own the paper today and Mr. Chaplin is its editor. It is one of the leading dailies of the state, with a wide circulation, and it has been an influencing factor in molding public opinion in Wyoming.

On the 14th of February, 1882, Mr. Chaplin was united in marriage to Miss May Ralston and they have become the parents of two children: Thomas Edwards, of Laramie; and Mazie, the wife of Wilkie Collins, cashier of the Douglas National Bank of Douglas, Wyoming. Mrs. Chaplin was a daughter of John and Anna (Hall) Ralston, both now deceased.

Mr. Chaplin has taken quite an active interest in politics. In 1885 he was made a member of the Laramie city council and in 1894 served as mayor of that city. He was registrar of the United States land office in 1898 under President McKinley and was reappointed, serving under the administrations of Presidents Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson, to October 1, 1915, or for a period of seventeen and a half years altogether. During that extended incumbency he had to remain in Cheyenne, where he erected his handsome home on Central avenue, but his legal residence was and still is in Laramie. The diversity of his business interests and connections, however, has caused him to divide his time about equally between Laramie and Cheyenne. He served in 1889 as a member of the constitutional convention of Wyoming and has displayed a public-spirited devotion to the general good that has been far-reaching and beneficial in its effects. He has twice been honored with the presidency of the Wyoming Press Association and is a well known figure in newspaper circles throughout the west. Mr. Chaplin was supreme representative of the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Wyoming for twenty years and he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and a past president of the order. Patriotism has ever been one of the marked characteristics of the family, and in Mr. Chaplin it finds expression in unflinching loyalty to every cause which he believes will prove of public benefit. He has striven eagerly and earnestly to uphold the welfare of community, commonwealth and country, and his life has been characterized by high standards of citizenship.

CHARLES W. DE KAY.

Among the native sons of Laramie who have won prominence in the business circles of the city is Charles W. De Kay, the cashier of the First State Bank. He is honored and respected by all, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy that he has ever followed, and though important interests are under his direction, he always finds time to cooperate in plans and measures for the general good and in all things is a public-spirited citizen.

His father, the late Thomas Willett De Kay, was a native of Indiana and came to Wyoming in 1868, casting in his lot with the Laramie pioneers. He became one of the first lumber merchants of the city and remained in busi-

ness here until his death, which occurred in 1874, when he was but twenty-seven years of age. He had married Tillie Wagner, a native of Missouri and a representative of one of the old families of that state who came of German ancestry. Mrs. De Kay had removed to Laramie with her brother, Henry Wagner, who was a pioneer merchant of the city, and here the marriage of the parents of Charles W. De Kay was celebrated. To them were born two children, the younger being Etta, who is now the wife of John Sandgren, of Laramie. The mother is still living in Laramie and is now the wife of H. L. Reger. By her second marriage she has two daughters: Katie, who is the wife of B. B. Hanger, a resident of Denver, Colorado; and Beulah, who is the wife of W. C. Weigel, who is located at Omaha, Nebraska.

Charles W. De Kay pursued his education in the public and high schools of Laramie, being graduated on the completion of the high school course as a member of the class of 1887. He then made his initial step in the business world, his first position being that of an employe in the rolling mills of the Union Pacific Railway Company. After a short time, however, he became a messenger boy in the store of his uncle, Henry Wagner, with whom he continued for three years, serving in a clerical capacity during the latter part of that period. Subsequently he was made timekeeper in the master mechanic's office of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, continuing with that corporation for thirteen years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to the banking business, with which he became identified as bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Laramie. He remained with the bank from 1898 until 1913, a period covering almost fifteen years, and during the latter years of his connection with the institution served as assistant cashier. In June, 1913, he entered the First State Bank of Laramie as assistant cashier and in January, 1916, was advanced to the position of cashier, which position he yet fills. Long experience in banking well qualifies him for the onerous duties that devolve upon him and which are most capably discharged to the satisfaction of all of the directors and stockholders of the institution. He is a courteous and obliging official and is ever willing to extend the assistance of the bank to its patrons to a point that will not hazard the interests of the depositors.

On the 17th of April, 1902, Mr. De Kay was united in marriage in Laramie to Miss Mabelle Land, a native of Canada and a daughter of S. E. and Jennie (Emory) Land. They have two children: Emory Willett, who was born in Laramie, April 24, 1903; and Charles Gordon, born May 29, 1905.

In his political views Mr. De Kay is a democrat and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is identified with the Chamber of Commerce and at one time he was a member of the school board of Laramie, while in other ways he has been active in civic matters. He is of the Episcopalian faith and his upright life has been guided by the teachings of the church. In a word he is a typical American citizen, interested in material, social, intellectual, political and moral progress and neglectful of his duties in none of these relations. Laramie may be proud to number him among her native sons by reason of the excellent record which he has made, and in that city not to know Charles W. De Kay is to argue one's self unknown.

AUGUST F. NEUBER.

August F. Neuber is classed with the representatives of commercial enterprise and business leadership in Wyoming, being the president of the Beeman & Neuber Mercantile Company of Rock Springs. He was educated in the schools of his native country, but at the age of eighteen years bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world, attracted by the broader business opportunities which he believed he could secure on this side of the

Atlantic. He arrived in America in 1876 and made his way at once into the interior of the country, settling in Geary county, Kansas. There he was first employed at farm work and followed agricultural pursuits for several years. Later he secured a position as a clerk in Kansas and subsequently acquainted himself with all branches of merchandising. His first business venture on his own account was made in Nevada, Missouri, where he began merchandising. There he conducted a store successfully for three years, at the end of which time he sold his interests and removed to Evanston, Wyoming, where he arrived in 1893. He was there employed by the Beckwith Mercantile Company, one of the pioneer commercial concerns of the state. They conducted a number of branch stores throughout Wyoming and their position was one of leadership in mercantile circles. Mr. Neuber continued at Evanston for ten years and in 1903 removed to Rock Springs, where in connection with Newell Beeman, A. E. Bradbury and A. B. Quinn, he formed a partnership and established the present business, which in point of volume of trade in this line is the largest in the city. They carry an extensive stock of dry goods, clothing, shoes, furniture, rugs, etc., having a well appointed department store. Their establishment covers a space of sixty by one hundred and seventy-five feet and they employ on an average of eight salespeople annually and at times their sales force exceeds that number. The business is constantly developing along substantial and gratifying lines and the success of the enterprise is due in no small measure to the efforts and ability of Mr. Neuber, who also conducts a department store at Idaho Falls under the name of the Neuber & Berry Company. Mr. Neuber is the president of the Beeman & Neuber Mercantile Company of Rock Springs, is the principal stockholder in the undertaking and conducts the business under his supervision. His is the policy which directs the interests of the house and the success of the undertaking is attributable in large measure to his efforts. He is a sagacious and farsighted business man, alert to every opportunity opened in the natural ramifications of trade, and through the simple weight of his character and ability he has come into important commercial connections.

Politically Mr. Neuber is a republican but is not an office seeker. He came to America a poor boy, anxious to make the most of his opportunities, and as the years have gone on his efficiency and determination have brought to him a measure of success that is most substantial. He is now justly classed with the self-made men of Rock Springs.

JOSEPH J. KLODT.

Joseph J. Klodt, a rancher living at Newcastle, Wyoming, whose well directed interests and activities have brought him a substantial measure of success, was born in Milton, Van Buren county, Iowa, October 14, 1877, his parents being Anthony and Lena (Knecht) Klodt, the former a native of Germany, while the latter was born in Austria. The father left Germany in young manhood and became a resident of Iowa during the pioneer epoch in its history. There he followed farming for many years and passed away in that state in 1900, while his widow survives and still makes her home in Ottumwa, Iowa. The father had come to America in the late '40s, leaving Germany because of the political strife existing there during that period. To him and his wife were born eight children, and all are yet living, namely: Peter J., who resides on the old homestead farm in Van Buren county, Iowa; Frank H., who lives on a ranch near Billings, Montana; Joseph J., of this review; Theresa, twin sister of Joseph and now the wife of George Emanuels, a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa; William A., who is living upon a farm near Ottumwa, Iowa; Albert A., who has removed to the west and is now on a ranch near Lewiston, Montana;



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George, who with his brother Peter occupies the old home place in Iowa; and Elizabeth, who lives at home with her mother.

Joseph J. Klodt, whose name introduces this review, acquired his early education in the district schools of Van Buren county and in the public schools of Milton, and when not occupied with his textbooks gave his assistance in the development of the home farm. When his education was completed he concentrated his entire time and attention upon the farm work and thus continued until he reached the age of twenty-one. In 1900 he removed westward, settling in Converse county, Wyoming, where he was employed for a year by H. L. Reed of that place. He also spent one year in the employ of Joe Gans, both prominent sheep men of Converse county. From 1902 until 1906 he was associated with S. C. Holts in the sheep business, and in 1906 they entered into partnership with J. L. Baird and continued in that connection until 1908, at which time Mr. Klodt disposed of his interests to his partners and engaged in the sheep business independently. In 1910 he organized the Mush Creek Land and Live Stock Company, a sixty thousand dollar corporation, which owns at this time over two thousand acres of land in Weston county, more than twelve hundred head of cattle and more than five thousand head of sheep. The officers of the company are: Joseph J. Klodt, president and manager; Mrs. Joseph J. Klodt, secretary and treasurer; and Julius Knecht, vice president. Mr. Klodt is also a director and stockholder in the Newcastle National Bank, a director in the Newcastle Drug Company and secretary and treasurer of the Wyoming Transfer & Machine Company. He also has large interests in the Buck Creek oil field and other oil interests. In a word, he has extended his efforts into various fields and his activities have been a most potent force in bringing about the material development and progress of Weston county as well as the promotion of his own interests. He has one of the finest bungalows in the town of Newcastle, which was completed at a cost of over twelve thousand dollars. His success has enabled him to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. His advancement in a business way has been the direct result of his own labors, which have been most intelligently put forth.

In Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 8th of October, 1907, Mr. Klodt was united in marriage to Miss Nina L. Kelley, a native of Minnesota, who spent her girlhood days in Athens, Tennessee, and in California and who completed her education in Grant University at Athens, Tennessee. To Mr. and Mrs. Klodt has been born a son, John J., whose birth occurred in Weston county, Wyoming, September 15, 1908.

In his political views Mr. Klodt has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has always preferred to give his untiring attention to his business affairs, working persistently and earnestly to provide a good living for his family, and as the years have passed on his purpose has been accomplished.

LESLIE B. MAGOR.

Leslie B. Magor, county clerk of Carbon county, and ex officio register of deeds, makes his home in Rawlins, in which city he was born on the 9th of March, 1881, a son of the late Richard C. Magor, a native of Wisconsin, and a grandson of Henry C. Magor, who was the founder of the American branch of the family, coming to the new world from England during the early part of the nineteenth century. He was one of the pioneer residents of Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming and mining, and at one time he owned an extensive lead mine in that state. His last years were spent in Rawlins, where he departed this life in 1902 at the notable old age of eighty-three years, his last days being spent in the home of his son, Richard C. Magor, who had come

to Rawlins in 1880 and was engaged in general merchandising. That business he followed successfully during the greater part of his life and was one of the progressive merchants and valued citizens of Rawlins, where he passed away in 1901 at the age of fifty-seven years. He was a stalwart advocate of democratic principles but never sought or filled public office, yet he took a most active interest in civic affairs and lent the weight of his aid and influence to every cause which he believed would further public progress or advance the general interests of his community. His wife bore the maiden name of Grace Roberts and was a daughter of Henry and Grace Roberts, of Galena, Illinois, where they settled at an early period in the development of that section of the country. They, too, were of English lineage. The death of Mrs. Richard C. Magor occurred in Galena, Illinois, in 1897, when she was forty-eight years of age. She had a family of seven children, all of whom are living in Wyoming with the exception of one. The family record is as follows: Jennie R. is the wife of William F. Hopkins and resides in Encampment, Wyoming. Henry C. makes his home in Cheyenne. Grace is the wife of N. L. France, of Rawlins. Leslie B. is the fourth in order of birth. Edith is the wife of Charles E. Bates, of Rawlins. Richard A. is deputy county clerk and makes his home in Rawlins. Marguerite is the wife of D. J. Smith, of Denver.

Leslie B. Magor was educated in the public schools of Rawlins and when sixteen years of age started out to earn his livelihood, being first employed in the Wallace grocery, where he remained for eighteen months. He was afterwards with the Cullen Commercial Company for a period of about six years and during two years of that time was manager of their branch store at Wamsutter, Wyoming. Before entering into connection with the Cullen Commercial Company, however, he spent five years in the employ of John A. Donnell, a general merchant. In 1912 Mr. Magor was elected to the office of county clerk and is now serving for the third term, his reelections being an indication of his ability, fidelity and the confidence reposed in him by the public. He is very prompt and capable in the discharge of his duties, conscientiously meeting the obligations that devolve upon him, and that his record is an unassailable one is shown by his repeated elections.

On the 9th of December, 1903, in Rawlins, Mr. Magor was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Dailey, a daughter of L. C. Dailey, and they have become the parents of three children: Leslie D., who was born in Rawlins, November 9, 1904; Grace Elizabeth, born October 27, 1907; and Phyllis Jane, born April 5, 1910.

Fraternally Mr. Magor is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Loyal Order of Moose and with the Masonic fraternity. He has made his own way in the world and his success is due entirely to his efforts and perseverance. He is everywhere spoken of in terms of high regard and his official record is an unassailable one, proving highly satisfactory to his constituents.

HON. CHARLES W. RINER.

Hon. Charles W. Riner is now serving as a member of the state senate of Wyoming and is actively identified with commercial interests in Cheyenne as manager of the Wyoming Feed & Fuel Company and as a real estate and insurance agent. He was born in Middletown, Ohio, in 1854, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Christman) Riner, both of whom lived to the very advanced age of ninety years.

Their son, Charles W. Riner, began his education in the public schools and also attended an academy at Seven Mile, Ohio, from which in due course of time he was graduated. His health failing, he removed to the west in 1870 and took up his abode in Cheyenne. After two years, having regained his health, he accepted a clerkship with the firm of Pease & Taylor, with whom he continued for nine years.



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His sister was then appointed to the position of postmaster of Cheyenne and Mr. Riner acted as assistant postmaster, continuing to occupy the position for four years. While in the postoffice he entered into partnership with Marshall Johnson and later William R. Schnitger, establishing their present business under the name of the Wyoming Feed & Fuel Company. Their trade has grown with the development of the city and the business enterprise has proven a profitable one. Mr. Riner is a man of energy who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His plans are well formulated and his systematic methods and honorable dealing are factors in his growing success.

In 1878 Mr. Riner was united in marriage to Miss Delia Stanley, who passed away in 1879. For his second wife he chose Miss Mary Clark and their children were: Harry, who is a first lieutenant of the Wyoming National Guard, now in France; and Clarence, who is a captain in the Marine Corps, awaiting call for service abroad and now acting as adjutant of the post at Mare Island. Mr. Riner was again married to Miss Kate Davis and they have become the parents of two children, Florence and Elizabeth.

Mr. Riner is a Congregationalist in religious belief. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is now serving as state senator and in this connection he is giving thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital questions that come up for settlement. He formerly served as a member of the territorial legislature and has been prominent in municipal affairs, acting as mayor of Cheyenne for four years and as a member of the city council for nine years. He also was supervisor of county assessors for two terms. When the new federal building was being erected in Cheyenne he filled the position of distributing agent. He was also state enumerator for the 1900 United States census.

He is a man of genuine personal worth and marked ability, widely known and held in the highest esteem by all. Everywhere his acquaintances speak of him in terms of high regard, for he has the qualities that make for leadership in public affairs, while his social traits of character are those which make for personal popularity.

ERNEST W. HOLMES.

Among the progressive business enterprises which are contributing to the upbuilding and development of Kemmerer is that of which Ernest W. Holmes is proprietor. The business is conducted under the name of Kemmerer Soda Bottling Works and has become one of the important productive industries of the city.

Mr. Holmes is a western man by birth and training and has the characteristic spirit of western enterprise and progress. He was born in Central City, Nebraska, November 9, 1879, a son of S. J. Holmes, now a resident of Rock Springs, Wyoming, who came to America from Sweden in 1879 and took up his abode near Central City, Nebraska, where he successfully engaged in farming. In 1884 he removed to Rock Springs and for years was connected with the Union Pacific Coal Company but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He married Josephine Freeman, a native of Sweden, who came to America in 1879 with her husband. Her death occurred in Rock Springs, December 24, 1916, when she was sixty-six years of age, and her demise was deeply regretted not only by her immediate family but by many friends.

Ernest W. Holmes was the eldest in order of birth in a family of five chil-

dren, all of whom are living. Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, he attended the public schools of Rock Springs and thus became well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties by his thorough educational training. Upon attaining his majority he started out in the world on his own account. Severing home ties, he went to Spring Valley, where he engaged in mining, there remaining for about eighteen months. He afterward served as engineer in the mines at Cumberland, where he continued for eight years, and through the succeeding five years he was engineer in the coal mines at Frontier, Wyoming. He next entered his present field of business, establishing the Kemmerer Soda Bottling Works in 1914. He began the business in a small way but has developed it to a large and profitable enterprise. He was the pioneer soda water manufacturer in Lincoln county and with the passing years his trade has steadily grown until it is one of large and gratifying proportions. He has always based his success upon the excellence of his product and the integrity of his business methods.

On the 20th of August, 1904, in Rock Springs, Mr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Mathilda Ackerson, a native of Sweden and a daughter of the late Olaf Ackerson, also a native of Sweden, who died in Rock Springs in November, 1908, at the age of fifty years. He came to America in 1890. His wife bore the maiden name of Maria Larson and is still living at Rock Springs. To Mr. and Mrs. Holmes have been born five children: Edna, who was born in Cumberland, June 23, 1905; Marie, born in Cumberland, January 28, 1907; Ethel, born in Frontier, Wyoming, February 28, 1909; Earl, born in Frontier, May 6, 1911; and Jack, born in Kemmerer, August 15, 1916.

Mr. Holmes votes with the republican party and for the past four years he has been chief of the fire department of Kemmerer. Fraternally he is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. These associations indicate something of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct. His life has been spent well, for he has made good use of his time, his talents and his opportunities. Starting out in the world a poor boy, he was actuated by a laudable ambition to advance and today he is at the head of an extensive business in Kemmerer, owning his plant and his home, which are the visible evidences of a life of well directed energy and thrift. From his plant he ships his products to all neighboring counties, also to Idaho and to Utah, his annual sales amounting to seven thousand dollars. His advancement in a business way should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be achieved through persistent energy wisely directed.

DAVID L. DARR.

David L. Darr, president of the Bighorn County Bank of Basin, has been identified with the business development of northwestern Wyoming since August, 1897, or for a period of more than twenty-one years. He was born in Ipava, Fulton county, Illinois, January 7, 1856, a son of G. B. and Harriet (Meredith) Darr, who were natives of Pennsylvania and were of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Both the father and mother were the youngest children in large families and David L. Darr is the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight children. The father removed westward with his family and followed blacksmithing and farming as a life work. Both he and his wife died in Nebraska, the former at the age of eighty-one years and the latter when seventy-six years of age.

David L. Darr acquired a public school education in Illinois and was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He continued to work in the fields until twenty-two years of age, when he became connected with general merchandising at Redbird, Nebraska. Two years later he was elected county treasurer of Holt county, Nebraska, and

served in that position for two terms or four years. He became associated with a bank at O'Neill, Nebraska, in which he occupied the position of cashier for six years, and then disposed of his interest in the bank and built a flour mill at the same place which was destroyed by fire two years later. The insurance was far less than the loss, so that he was financially much embarrassed. In 1894 he removed to Westplains, Missouri, where he again took up the occupation of farming but with poor success and in 1896 he returned to the northwest. He was employed in connection with the lumber business until August, 1898, when he removed to Basin and assisted in organizing the Bighorn County Bank, of which he took charge as cashier, holding that position until January, 1913, when he was elected to the presidency. He is also an official in the First State Bank of Kane, Wyoming, and an officer and director in the Basin Hall Company, the Basin Building Company and in the Torchlight Company. These interests are contributing to the material development of the community and Mr. Darr is thus actively connected with business enterprises which have to do with general progress and prosperity while at the same time they contribute to individual success. As the years have passed he has prospered and is now the owner of real estate in Basin and vicinity besides being a stockholder in several corporations and business enterprises elsewhere.

In May, 1891, at Redbird, Nebraska, Mr. Darr was united in marriage to Miss Ella Jones, a daughter of Thomas W. Jones. They have two children: Jessie L., the widow of Judge G. M. Cleveland, of Hot Springs, South Dakota; and Mazie V., the wife of M. B. Rhodes, a banker of Kane, Wyoming.

In politics Mr. Darr has always been a straight republican and has taken an active and helpful interest in politics since living in Wyoming. He served as county treasurer from January, 1886, to January, 1890, and was for three terms mayor of Basin, giving to the city a businesslike and progressive administration. He belongs to the Masonic lodge and since 1879 has been an Odd Fellow, holding most of the offices in that order and belonging to all of its branches. He has been grand master and grand patriarch and has represented both the grand lodge and grand encampment in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He has likewise been grand treasurer for both of these branches for the last four years and is prominently and widely known in the organization. He is greatly interested in good government, local, state and national, and is not generally a convert to the many so-called reforms, having lived to see that most of them have been illusionary. He stands, however, for progress and improvement, guided by sound judgment, and his cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further any movement which he believes will benefit community, commonwealth or country.

HILLIARD S. RIDGELY.

Hilliard S. Ridgely, a prominent member of the Wyoming bar, was born on a farm near Siam, Taylor county, Iowa, October 16, 1874, a son of Eli and Olive (Allen) Ridgely. There were eight children, six boys and two girls, and the subject of this sketch is the third child and the second son of the family. His father and three of his father's brothers served in the Union army during the Civil war, and three uncles on his mother's side of the house likewise fought for the preservation of the Union.

His father was a homesteader in Lincoln county, Nebraska, and in the early '90s removed with his family from the homestead to North Platte, the county seat, where Mr. Ridgely was graduated from the high school. Taking up the study of law, he entered the law offices of Wilcox & Halligan. Later he was admitted as a student of law at the College of Law, University of Nebraska, where he was graduated, receiving the degree of LL. B., June 10, 1897. He at once entered the active practice of his profession and was elected county attor-



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ney of Lincoln county, Nebraska, the fall of 1898, and was reelected in 1900 by an overwhelming majority.

At the expiration of his second term as county attorney, Mr. Ridgely removed from North Platte to Cody, Wyoming, where he was Colonel W. F. Cody's (Buffalo Bill) personal representative and attorney for a number of years. Upon the Burlington Railroad building from Frannie south through the Big Horn basin, he removed to Basin, the county seat, where he built up a large and lucrative practice. In 1911 he was appointed United States district attorney for the district of Wyoming by President Taft. This necessitated his removal to Cheyenne, where he has since resided and where he enjoys a large practice. Mr. Ridgely is considered one of the leading criminal lawyers of the state of Wyoming. As United States district attorney he discharged the duties with marked promptness, fidelity and ability.

In politics Mr. Ridgely is of the republican faith and in 1908 was one of the delegates at large from the state of Wyoming to the republican national convention at Chicago. This convention nominated William Howard Taft as the republican candidate for president, and he was elected at the November election following. Mr. Ridgely was one of the original Taft men in Wyoming and was active in his behalf before as well as after the convention.

In 1914 Mr. Ridgely was the republican candidate for the office of governor against the democratic nominee, Hon. John B. Kendrick. It was a close race, but the democrats had fused with the progressives that year and carried the state, and Mr. Ridgely was defeated by a small majority. At the close of the campaign he withdrew from active politics and is devoting his time and energy to the practice of the law. As a lawyer and business man he is successful, and as a citizen and friend he is popular.

On the 21st of June, 1899, at North Platte, Nebraska, Mr. Ridgely was united in marriage to Miss Evea J. Fenwick. To this happy union have been born three children: Lucile, Fenwick and Hilliard.

In religious faith Mr. Ridgely is a Presbyterian and fraternally is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine and also of the Knight Templar commandery. He is likewise connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Industrial Club.

ALEX. NISBET.

Alex. Nisbet, registrar of the United States land office at Evanston, was born in Knightswood, Dumbartonshire, Scotland, January 27, 1865, a son of Alexander and Isabella (Porterfield) Nisbet, who were also natives of the land of hills and heather. The father was a coal and iron stone miner, devoting his life to that pursuit. He passed away November 28, 1887, at the age of fifty years, after which his widow came to America in 1891, making her way direct to Almy, Wyoming, where she resided for a few years. She then returned to Scotland but again came to this state in 1898 and soon afterward took up her abode in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she departed this life in 1914 at the age of seventy-seven years. In the family were twelve children.

Alex. Nisbet, who was the fifth in order of birth, was educated in the public schools of Knightswood and remained a resident of his native land until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when he determined to establish his home in America, attracted by the better business opportunities which he believed to be existing on this side of the Atlantic. In 1888, therefore, he bade adieu to his native land and made his way to the United States. After reaching American shores he traveled westward across the continent to Ohio, where he engaged in coal mining, and in 1889 he came to Wyoming, first

settling at Almy, where he was employed as coal check weighman in No. 7 coal mine by the Union Pacific Coal Company. He represented the miners as check weighman and continued in that position until 1894, when he became chief deputy county clerk of Uinta county. He served from 1895 until 1903 and from 1911 until 1914 again occupied that position. He was city treasurer of Evanston from 1907 until 1911 and on the 1st of February, 1915, he took charge of the United States land office as registrar, his incumbency in the position to continue until the 1st of February, 1918. At that time he was reappointed for another term of four years and continues in the position. He has made an excellent record as a public official, being true and loyal to the trusts reposed in him, and prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties. His record is most commendable and should serve as a source of inspiration and emulation to others. Mr. Nisbet is recognized as a stalwart champion of the democratic party and his position upon any important question is never an equivocal one. He stands fearlessly for what he believes to be right and gives clear utterance to his opinions. He filled the position of county chairman of the democratic central committee and was secretary of the central committee of Uinta county for five terms. He also was chosen a member of the democratic state central committee from Uinta county for two terms and his opinions have carried weight in the councils of his party.

On the 24th of June, 1892, Mr. Nisbet was married in Almy, Uinta county, to Miss Maggie Campbell, a native of Scotland and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell. They have become the parents of five children, of whom two, however, have passed away. Those living are: Alexander C., residing in Evanston; Matthew M., a yeoman of the United States Navy, now at San Francisco; and Maggie, who is also in Evanston.

Fraternally Mr. Nisbet is connected with the Knights of The Maccabees and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, to which he has always adhered, and is a trustee of the church in Evanston. His has been a well spent life, true to every manly principle and actuated at all times by high and honorable purposes. He started out in the business world a poor boy. He left home and came to America in order to provide a home for the family, which purpose he accomplished. He was the head of the family for some time after his father's death, and he has fully met every obligation, filial and otherwise, that has devolved upon him. His genuine worth is widely recognized, for he has ever been true to the ties of home and friendship, has been progressive and reliable in business, and loyal and public-spirited in citizenship.

EMIL KRUEGER.

Emil Krueger, a progressive business man of Rawlins, where he is engaged in the manufacture and sale of saddlery, harness and automobile goods under the firm style of the Knox & Tanner Company, was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, August 11, 1870, a son of the late Louis A. Krueger, who was a native of Germany but came to America in the early '60s, and settled in Kentucky, where he engaged in the shoe business. He lived there for many years but in 1890 removed to Wyoming, taking up his abode in Rawlins, where he again conducted a shoe store until about two years prior to his death, which occurred on the 29th of November, 1915, when he was seventy-three years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Knodle, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was also of German lineage. She, too, passed away in Rawlins. In their family were three children, the eldest being Rev. Fred Tevis Krueger, a Methodist clergyman, now located at Windsor, Colorado. The daughter, Flora H., has until a recent date been principal of the high school of Rawlins, which position

she occupied for fifteen years, and is now engaged in government service at Wheatland in Normal preparatory work.

The other number of the family is Emil Krueger, who was educated in the public schools of Denver, Colorado, and who at the age of nineteen years started out in business on his own account, serving an apprenticeship at the harness and saddlery trade. He thoroughly mastered the business in Denver, Colorado, and afterward worked as a journeyman until 1905, when he became manager and principal stockholder of the Knox & Tanner Company of Rawlins, Wyoming, manufacturers of and dealers in saddlery, harness and cowboy outfits. They also handle automobile goods. The business has grown steadily and has become one of the large commercial concerns of the city and of this section of the state. In fact their trade o'ertops that of any other of similar character in Carbon county, their annual sales amounting to sixty thousand dollars. Their success has been based upon thorough workmanship in the line of goods carried, fair prices and earnest efforts to please their patrons.

On the 30th of April, 1895, Mr. Krueger was united in marriage to Miss Katie Scultetus, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have become parents of three children: Louis Tevis, who was born in Ohio; Karl Emil, born in Colorado; and Flora Belle, born in Wyoming.

Politically Mr. Krueger is a republican and while not an office seeker he keeps in touch with the vital questions and issues of the day and is ever ready to support his position by intelligent argument or by his ballot. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America and is a past exalted ruler of the Elks lodge in Rawlins. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and its teachings guide his life in all of its relations. He has never deviated from what his judgment would indicate to be right and honorable between himself and his fellowmen and his success in life has been reached by his sterling qualities of mind and a heart true to every manly principle.

W. W. CROOK, M. D.

A notable career is that of Dr. W. W. Crook of Cheyenne, who is still actively engaged in the practice of medicine although he has now passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey. His life has been one of great usefulness to his fellowmen through his professional activity and at all times he has kept in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress regarding the practice of medicine and surgery.

A native of Kentucky, he was born in the little country town called Spillman's Store, in Madison county, on the 20th of October, 1836, and there resided until he reached the age of twelve years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Missouri. They traveled by team and wagon across the country to Buchanan county, Missouri, where they took up their abode upon a farm. Dr. Crook remained at home through the period of his youth, attending school whenever possible and aiding in the development of the old homestead. He was thus early trained to the work of the farm, becoming thoroughly familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. In 1855 he started out in business on his own account and from that time forward has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. In 1857 he taught school at Easton, Kansas, and later he returned to Missouri, taking the teachers' examination at Chillicothe, which he successfully passed, obtaining a first-class certificate. He then taught school in Livingston county, Missouri, but he believed that there was comparatively little future outlook for one in that profession and resolved to turn his attention into other professional directions. He took up the study of medicine privately and in due time qualified for the active practice of medicine and sur-

gery. In 1861 he returned to Kansas and in July of that year established his home and opened an office at Council Grove, Kansas, there entering upon active practice. Several years later, having carefully saved his earnings, he was able to enter the University of Iowa, in which he pursued the four years' course in medicine and thus became splendidly qualified for professional activity. He was graduated from that institution and during the succeeding ten years practiced in Doniphan, Kansas. In 1875 he removed with his family to Wyoming and in 1877 took up his abode in Cheyenne, where he has since made his home. Throughout the intervening period his broad reading and careful study have kept him in touch with the trend of advanced thought and investigation having to do with medical and surgical practice. He has been an earnest and discriminating student, and while he does not hastily discard the old and time-tried methods, he is always ready to take up any new idea which his judgment sanctions as of value in treating disease. He has ever been most careful in the diagnosis of his cases and has seldom been at error in foretelling the outcome of any case. In 1902 he was elected to the presidency of the Laramie County Medical Association. He also belongs to the Wyoming State Medical Association and is an earnest and zealous member of the American Medical Association. Moreover, he is a clear and forcible writer on professional topics and has contributed many interesting and valuable articles to medical magazines and journals.

On the 25th of May, 1864, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Crook and Miss Miranda H. Kirby, of Louisville, Kentucky. As the years have gone on they have become parents of six children, but all have passed away with the exception of the eldest daughter, Fannie, who is the wife of Dr. O. K. Snyder, of Cheyenne.

In public affairs and political interests Dr. Crook has manifested considerable activity. In 1870 he was elected mayor of Doniphan, Kansas, and gave to the town an excellent administration that took cognizance of its needs and its opportunities. He has not held office since coming to Wyoming, preferring to concentrate his time and attention upon his professional duties, yet he has stood by all of those interests which are substantial elements in public progress and improvement in city, county and state. He is still actively engaged in the practice of his profession, although he has now reached the age of eighty-one years. While he has long since passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he nevertheless remains active and alert. Old age need not necessarily suggest idleness nor want of occupation. There is an old age which grows stronger and brighter morally and mentally as the years go on and gives out of its rich stores of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. Such is the record of Dr. W. W. Crook, of whom it may well be said, in the words of Victor Hugo, that though

"The snows of winter are on his head,
The flowers of spring are in his heart."

JOSEPH WILLIAM TODD.

Joseph William Todd, a prominent figure in city and state, makes his home in Buffalo, where he has filled the office of mayor, and he has also been representative of his district in both the house of representatives and the senate. He has thus had much to do with shaping public thought and action and promoting useful legislation.

He was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, a son of Sherman P. and Clarisse J. (Compton) Todd. The father was born in Michigan, while the mother's birth occurred in Ohio. Removing westward during the early boyhood of their son, Joseph W. Todd, he pursued his education in the schools of Buffalo and after putting aside his textbooks became interested in ranching and the raising of live



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stock and his business affairs in that connection have been of growing extent and importance. His affairs have been most carefully and wisely directed, his investments judiciously placed, and his success is the direct outcome of his close application and indefatigable energy. Aside from his ranching interests he is the vice president of the Stock Growers' Bank of Buffalo and is well known in financial circles in his section of the state.

In Buffalo, on the 30th of June, 1902, Mr. Todd was united in marriage to Miss Hildah E. Anderson, who at one time was county clerk of Johnson county. They have become the parents of four children: Sherman Avery, Carrie Marie, Martha Anna and Josephine Emmeretta.

The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Todd is that of the Congregational church and he is identified with various fraternal organizations. In Masonry he has attained high rank and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Shrine and to the Elks lodge of Sheridan, while his other connections are with the orders in Buffalo. Since attaining man's estate Mr. Todd has given unfaltering allegiance to the republican party and its principles, and has labored earnestly to advance its interests. In 1907 he was elected to represent his district in the Wyoming house of representatives and filled that position for two terms. In May, 1913, he became mayor of Buffalo and for four years served as chief executive of the city, to which he gave a businesslike and progressive administration characterized by various needed reforms and improvements. He avoided useless expenditure and also equally useless retrenchment, which so often hampers progress, and steering his course evenly between the one and the other, he accomplished much for the city. In 1914 he was elected to represent his district in the state senate and in 1917 was chosen president of the senate, where he presided with dignity, his rulings being strictly fair and impartial.

He is a close and discriminating student of public problems having to do with the welfare of state and nation and his position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one. He stands firmly for what he believes to be right and his efforts in behalf of Wyoming's welfare have been far reaching and effective.

B. J. STEFFEN.

B. J. Steffen, who is engaged in the drug business at Douglas, ranks with the wide-awake, alert and enterprising merchants of the town, recognizing the fact that efficient and satisfactory service must be the basis of his success. He is a comparatively young man, his birth having occurred on the 20th of September, 1883, in Atalissa, Iowa, his parents being John J. and Louisa E. (Ireland) Steffen. The family came to Wyoming in 1885, when he was but two years of age, settling at Silver Cliff, where the father engaged in the drug business. After some years he removed to Douglas and purchased the drug store of C. D. Broadbeck, which he continued to conduct with growing success until his demise, when his son, B. J. Steffen, took over the business, which he has since owned and conducted.

To the public school system of Wyoming, B. J. Steffen is indebted for the early educational advantages he enjoyed. He attended the Lusk school and in 1891 he came with the family to Douglas, being at that time a lad of eight years. He has since been identified with the city and its interests. He received his business training under the direction of his father and in 1914 won a certificate as a registered pharmacist. At his father's death he succeeded to the business and is now proprietor of the oldest drug store of Douglas, the business having been established and conducted at the same location since 1891. He has a well appointed store, carrying a large and carefully selected line of drugs and druggists' sundries, and his business methods, which are based upon thorough

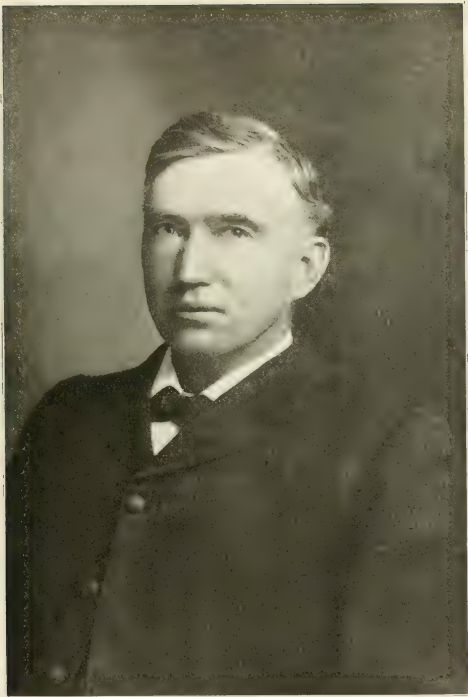
reliability and earnest effort to please his patrons, have won for him a very liberal and well deserved patronage.

Mr. Steffen was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Cook, a daughter of A. D. Cook, and they have become the parents of three daughters. In politics Mr. Steffen is a republican. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of lodge and chapter, and in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations thereby imposed. He belongs to the Commercial Club and cooperates in all of its well defined plans and projects for the improvement and upbuilding of his city and the extension of its trade relations. When leisure permits he enjoys a hunting or a fishing trip, but he regards his business as his first interest and concentrates his energies upon its successful conduct.

HON. LAWRENCE R. BRESNAHEN.

For half a century Hon. Lawrence R. Bresnahan has been a resident of Cheyenne, having arrived upon the site of the city when there was scarcely a building to indicate that there was any thought of developing a town in this locality. Through all of the intervening period he has been closely associated with its growth and substantial development. His name is interwoven with its political records, with the establishment of its waterworks, with the framing of the city charter, with the erection of the capitol building and various other interests which are epochal in the records of Cheyenne. Five times he has been called upon to act as chief executive, and over the record of his public career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil, for he has ever been actuated by the utmost fidelity to the public good and, moreover, his ability has enabled him to recognize the opportunities before the city in the way of substantial improvement.

Mr. Bresnahan is a native of Ireland, his birth having occurred at Clummell in 1850. The father died in Ireland before his son Lawrence reached the age of seven years, at which time he and his mother crossed the Atlantic to the new world and established their home at Phelps, in Ontario county, New York, where he became a pupil in the public schools. He was sixteen years of age when he put aside his textbooks in order to start out in the world independently. He severed home ties and, turning his face to the west, traveled toward the setting sun in company with a youth of about his own age. They had resolved to seek their fortunes in the far west and made their way to Julesburg, Colorado, which was then a frontier town. His financial condition rendered it imperative that Mr. Bresnahan obtain immediate employment and he secured a situation in the meat market owned by the firm of Moore & Stanton. He proved capable and loyal to his employers, who in 1867 sold their business to him. In November of that year he removed his establishment to Cheyenne, Wyoming, erecting one of the first buildings in the city. Through all the intervening period, covering more than half a century, he has been closely associated with its active business enterprise and its financial development. His business interests have been wisely and carefully conducted and have brought to him a gratifying measure of success. Moreover, he has seen and utilized the chances for furthering the upbuilding of his adopted city and his work in this connection has been most far-reaching and resultant. No man in Cheyenne has done more for the improvement of the city or to uphold the interests and stability of Wyoming. In 1876 he was elected mayor of Cheyenne, being called to the office in a most important year in the city's history—the year in which the patent for the town site was issued by the United States. The place was just beginning to outgrow its original boundaries and to put off its characteristics as a frontier town and it was largely through the able, farsighted and unremitting endeavor of Mayor Bresnahan that



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the city waterworks plant was kept out of the hands of corporations and became the actual property of the municipality. In public affairs, as in his private business interests, he has readily discriminated between the essential and the non-essential and has been able to readily recognize the difference between the more important phases of any situation and its incidental or accidental circumstances. He has therefore utilized what has seemed best to him for the development of the city and at all times his activities have upheld those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He was selected as one of the able committee of twelve to prepare the new city charter for Cheyenne in 1878 and immediately after the adoption of the charter he was again elected to the office of mayor, being made the candidate of both the democratic and republican parties. In a word, his public course had been such as to win for him the endorsement of all fair-minded and progressive citizens. Five times he has been chosen to serve as chief executive of Cheyenne and his administration in each instance has been characterized by many needed reforms and improvements. At the time of the construction of the state capitol building he was chairman of the second capitol building commission having charge of the matter and took upon himself the duties of superintendent of construction. He sacrificed his own personal interests in order to give his time and attention to the building commission. At a meeting held January 17, 1888, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that the commission desires to place itself on record as being grateful in the highest degree to L. R. Bresnahan, the chairman and superintendent of construction, for his zeal, energy and skill manifested in behalf of the capitol; that to him the people are indebted in large measure for the thoroughness of the work performed on both the east wing and the west wing of said capitol. J. C. Baird, Secretary of the Second Capitol Building Commission."

During Mr. Bresnahan's last administration as mayor, in the years 1911 and 1912, Cheyenne's new and excellent water system was completed at a cost of one million dollars. During the same term when the city council passed a twenty-year franchise bill giving the telephone company largely increased rates for its service to the people, Mayor Bresnahan vetoed the bill and succeeded in having a new ordinance presented in which he secured such important concessions in rates as to make a saving to the citizens of Cheyenne of about thirty thousand dollars per year. In addition to this he required the company to take their poles from the streets and put their wires underground. The company also agreed to supply the city departments with the free service of twenty-five phones during the existence of their franchise.

Mr. Bresnahan is the owner of a fine stock ranch, comprising about two thousand acres of land, which is situated a short distance from Cheyenne and he is there extensively engaged in handling stall-fed cattle. In this undertaking he is associated with his nephew, John Smith, and the partners have met with marked success in this field of activity. Mr. Bresnahan has not only seen opportunities for judicious investment in real estate himself, but has also recognized the opportunities for the city in that direction. While he was mayor of Cheyenne he had Judge McLaughlin draw up a bill to be forwarded to Hon. W. R. Steele, then congressional delegate, authorizing the city to purchase six hundred and forty acres of land about a mile and a half north of Cheyenne. This tract is now very valuable and forms the base of the city's water supply. In 1876 he secured a large tract of land in the eastern part of Cheyenne which has since been developed into Lake Minnehaha Park. In a settlement with the railroad company in 1876 he obtained a deed to four blocks of land now converted into the beautiful city park in the heart of Cheyenne and also secured land for cemetery purposes without cost to the city. In 1891 and 1892 he built the Central Avenue viaduct and the Snyder Street subway and completed the water system. All of the lands which he thus acquired are now very valuable, adding much to the revenue and the wealth of the city. Mr. Bresnahan has displayed notable prescience and sagacity in dealing with public affairs, ever looking beyond

the exigencies of the moment to the opportunities of the future. He has exerted an immeasurable influence on the city of his residence; in business life as a progressive man and promoter of extensive commercial and agricultural enterprises; in social circles by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality; in politics by reason of his public spirit and devotion to the general good as well as his comprehensive understanding of the questions affecting municipal, state and national welfare. A modern philosopher has said: "Not the good that comes to us, but the good that comes to the world through us, is the measure of our success." And judged by this standard alone, Mr. Bresnahan has been a most successful man, for Cheyenne owes much to his efforts and his public spirit, and in the management of her municipal interests he has indeed contributed much to the world's good.

R. HOWARD EMBREE.

R. Howard Embree is a well known representative of commercial activity in Kemmerer, where he is associated with trade relations as the vice president of the Kemmerer Hardware & Furniture Company and president of the Up-to-Date Auto Company. The steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible and along the lines of consecutive effort he has reached his present creditable position.

He was born in Berea, Kentucky, September 20, 1889, a son of W. N. and Laura (Fee) Embree, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Kentucky, in which state they were married. During the period of the Civil war W. N. Embree was in the telegraph service of the federal government and was connected with General McClellan's staff as scout and for a time was with McClellan's Third Army Corps in Virginia. He was twice taken prisoner while on active duty and for a period was confined in Libby prison. After the war he came to the west as telegraph operator for the Oregon Short Line and the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Later he turned his attention to merchandising at Devon, Pennsylvania, where he passed away in 1891. His widow survived him for more than a decade and spent her last days in Kentucky, where she departed this life in 1902. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Charles Rathbun, living in Kemmerer; Mrs. G. N. Miles, whose home is in Denver, Colorado; Hallie F., of Los Angeles; W. D., who is assistant district attorney of New York city; R. B., who was killed in a railroad accident at Omaha; Edwin R., secretary of the Rockefeller Foundation in New York city; and R. Howard, who was the sixth in order of birth.

In his boyhood days R. Howard Embree attended school in Wyoming and afterward became a student in Berea College at Berea, Kentucky, where he was graduated with the class of 1902. Later he became connected with the Thomas Edison exploring party in northern Canada in search of nickel mines. Two years were spent in exploration work, after which he returned to Wyoming and engaged in sheep raising in Lincoln county. He carried on ranching as a member of the firm of Rathbun & Embree for six years and then disposed of his interests in that connection and took up his abode in Kemmerer, where he became connected with the hardware and furniture trade as a partner of Albert P. Heitz. With the organization of the Kemmerer Hardware & Furniture Company he was chosen vice president and has since served in that capacity. The business has been built up to extensive proportions and the firm is most careful in the personnel of the house, in the standard of goods carried and in the treatment rendered patrons. Its progressive business methods have brought a growing patronage that is most gratifying. Further developing their interests, the three partners in the firm organized the Up-to-Date Auto Company for the sale of Overland and Ford cars and they also maintain a garage. This branch of their business has also proven notably successful. The partners are young men of marked enterprise,

resourcefulness and ability and their interests are most intelligently directed, so that success has come to them in gratifying measure.

On the 26th of February, 1911, Mr. Embree was united in marriage to Miss Mary Scott, of Kemmerer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott and a graduate of the University of Wyoming. Two children have blessed this marriage: Norris, who was born November 25, 1911; and Ralph, born September 27, 1914.

In politics Mr. Embree is a republican and from 1912 until 1916 he served as coroner of Lincoln county. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, for he has advanced steadily through the force of his own character and his close application and determination. He worked his way through school, providing for the expenses of his college course, and he chose as his alma mater Berea College, which was founded by his maternal grandfather, John G. Fee, who was one of the early abolitionists of the south and a member of one of the wealthy southern families, who became known as one of the most prominent educators in all that section of the country. In the paternal line Mr. Embree comes of Quaker ancestry, the family having been founded in New England at an early period in the development of the new world. Back of him is an honorable ancestry and his lines of life have been cast in harmony therewith. He has made good use of his time, his talents and his opportunities, and has become an important factor in those things which lead to the substantial development of the west, as he holds at all times to high standards of manhood and citizenship.

CHARLES H. WORLAND.

Charles H. Worland, a leading stockman of Washakie county, is the founder of the town of Worland and one of the most prominent business men of northern Wyoming. It is said that "Opportunity knocks but once." Whether this be true or not, Mr. Worland determined that opportunity would not have to knock but once with him; that he would utilize his chance when it came, and it is this readiness and alertness on his part that has constituted the basis of his growing fortune. He was born in Missouri, where his parents had located in pioneer times. There he was reared and educated and in early manhood he made his way to the Pacific coast by the way of Cape Horn, making the voyage on a sailing vessel. After reaching his destination he engaged in the live stock business in California until 1886 or 1887, when he removed to Nevada, where he continued in the same business until 1898. In that year he came to Wyoming. His entire active life has been passed in the west and he has been a typical frontiersman, bravely and resolutely meeting all the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of a new country. After making his way to this state he took up his abode on a homestead across the river from the present town of Worland. He proved up on that homestead in 1904. The previous year he established a half-way house between Basin and Thermopolis and there also conducted a livery barn. His roadhouse was known to and is spoken of by all the cattle and sheep men of this part of the state, being regarded as an oasis on the desert, as it was the only place where travelers could be entertained over night or procure a meal between the two towns.

Mr. Worland's business enterprises were of a character that met public needs and demands and thus his interests prospered. He was early identified with irrigation problems, the Bluff canal and the Bighorn projects. He recognized the fertility of the soil if water could but be added and his efforts in connection with irrigation interests have been of the utmost worth and value to this section of the state. He also secured the establishment of a postoffice at Worland. In June, 1906, the town of Worland was removed to the east side of the river, its present location, and Mr. Worland took up his abode there the following year but still owns the old homestead on the other side of the river and is still actively engaged in business, associated with his son, Charles C., under the style of the W & W Live Stock



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Company, they being among the pioneers in the development of the oil industry in northern Wyoming, particularly in the Grass Creek and Elk Basin fields and later in the Warm Springs field, and are also in the live stock business. Whatever C. H. Worland has undertaken he has carried forward to successful completion. Coming into a new country, he has studied its possibilities for development and has so utilized his chances that splendid results have accrued.

Charles H. Worland was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Brown, a native of California, and their family numbered two children, a daughter and a son. The daughter, Berenice, is the wife of D. R. Finlayson, a mining engineer, now located in Clarksdale, Arizona, and to them have been born two children, a son and a daughter.

Mr. Worland votes with the democratic party but has never been an office seeker, preferring to do his public service in other connections than as an official. Washakie county regards him as one of her foremost citizens and Wyoming has become indebted to him in considerable measure for his efforts in promoting the upbuilding of the northern section of the state. He is ever frank and straightforward in all his dealings and in unusual measure he enjoys the respect and regard of those with whom he comes in contact.

N. E. CORTHELL.

N. E. Corthell, a distinguished member of the Laramie bar, who has been prominently identified with various public and private interests as well, and ranks with the honored and representative citizens of the southern section of the state, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, November 14, 1861, a son of Lathrop V. and Phebe (Morris) Corthell, who were also natives of the Empire state, the father being a well known and highly respected farmer of New York. He remained there up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1909, when he had reached the age of seventy-seven years. His widow survives and is now a resident of Twin Falls county, Idaho. In their family were six children, one of whom has passed away, while those who survive are: N. E., of this review; Edward; Ernest; Mrs. Margaret Ringert; and Mrs. Leila Rutherford. The member of the family that has passed away was Mrs. Belle Robinson.

N. E. Corthell, after attending the public schools of his native county, entered the Ten Broeck Free Academy at Franklinville, New York, from which he was graduated on completing the classical course in 1879. It was in that year, when a youth of eighteen, that he made his way westward to Wyoming, since which time he has lived in Laramie. He entered the law office of Colonel S. W. Downey, who directed his reading, and in 1883, after thorough preparation, he was admitted to the bar. He remained in Colonel Downey's office for four years thereafter and then entered upon the private practice of law, having had valuable experience with his preceptor, so that he was splendidly qualified for the onerous duties of the profession when he entered upon active practice. Through the intervening years his clientage has steadily increased in volume and importance and he is today one of the able members of the Laramie bar, his name figuring prominently in connection with much important litigation that has been tried in the courts of the state. He served as prosecuting attorney in Albany county in 1887 and 1888 and aside from his work in the strict path of his profession he has become well known in other connections, being a director of the Albany County National Bank of Laramie and a director in various other business projects and enterprises in which he holds stock. In a word a number of the important business concerns of the city have profited by his cooperation and benefited by his support.

On the 30th of June, 1885, Mr. Corthell was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Quackenbush, of Laramie, who belonged to a prominent Wisconsin family. Seven children have been born of this marriage. Mrs. Evelyn Hill, who

was born in Laramie and is a graduate of Wellesley College at Wellesley, Massachusetts, became the wife of Professor John A. Hill, now a captain in the United States army, and has three children, Robert, John and Ross, all born in Laramie. Morris, the second of the family, now a lieutenant in the army, is a native of Laramie, a graduate of the city schools and is married and resides in Laramie. Miriam, who was graduated from the university, is the wife of Thayer Burgess and resides in Utica, New York. Gladys completed the university course in Laramie, her native city, and has become the wife of Wilbur A. Hitchcock, by whom she has one child, Wilbur. Robert, born in Laramie, is now a marine in the United States navy. Huron D., a former student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was pursuing the civil engineering course, is a member of the Twenty-third Regiment of United States Engineers. Irving was graduated from the university at Laramie in 1917, and is now a lieutenant in the United States infantry.

In his political views Mr. Corthell is a democrat, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Aside from filling the office of prosecuting attorney he was a member of the school board from 1900 until 1903 and in the latter year became a member of the board of county commissioners, in which office he served for a four years' term. His course has ever been marked by genuine and unfaltering devotion to the public good. He is a broadminded man who looks at questions from the standpoint of a progressive and enlightened citizenship and his endorsement of a measure is sure to secure for it a large following. His personal career in its business relations has also been marked by steady advancement and he is today one of the prosperous citizens of Laramie, having made judicious investment in ranch property in this section. He is among the most highly respected and valued residents of this part of the state.

In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit he has made a creditable name and place for himself. He has won very favorable criticism for the careful and systematic methods which he has followed in the preparation and in the presentation of his cases. He throws himself easily and naturally into the argument. There is a self-possession and a deliberation which indicate no straining after effect. On the contrary, there is a precision and clearness in his statements, an acuteness and strength in his arguments which speak a mind trained in the severest school of investigation and to which the closest reasoning is habitual and easy.

LEOPOLD KABIS.

Leopold Kabis, as a young man, arrived in Cheyenne on the 10th day of September, 1867, which was then a part of Dakota territory, and he is today one of a very few living who were here at that early date. Mr. Kabis may be called the longest continuous resident of Cheyenne now living. From time to time he was identified with various business enterprises, each change in business indicating a forward step in his career and utilization of wider opportunities.

Of late years he established, owned and operated the Kabis Cafe for more than ten years. At present he is engaged in fire insurance and general brokerage business, and has been since 1900. He is thoroughly familiar with the value of commercial paper and his study of financial interests of the country has led him to make most judicious investments, not only on his own account but on behalf of his many acquaintances.

Mr. Kabis has been quite prominent in connection with public affairs throughout the entire period of his residence in Laramie county. He was the first clerk of Laramie county, elected to that office which he filled from 1870 to 1872. He was city clerk and assessor of Cheyenne during the same period of time. In 1891 he was elected as a member of the state senate entering upon a four years term in that position, being the first and second sessions of the state legislature, during which



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time he was instrumental in framing much constructive legislation that has constituted an element in the later progress of the state. In 1892, while still a member of the state senate, Mr. Kabis was a candidate for governor. The convention was held at Rock Springs, Wyoming, there being three candidates for the office, and at length Mr. Kabis withdrew, as also did the other two candidates, and the nomination went to John E. Osborne, who was elected. Mr. Kabis was adjutant general of Wyoming under Governor John E. Osborne, and was also United States deputy revenue collector from 1894 to 1899. It was while he was in the revenue service that he exposed the Chinese registration frauds in 1896, thus rendering signal service to his commonwealth. He has always voted with the democratic party from the first time he voted to the present time, and has stood loyally and firmly to those interests and measures which he has become convinced are for the best interest of the general public.

Fraternally Mr. Kabis is also widely and prominently known. He is a past grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the only living member of the organization that was present at the time the grand lodge was organized in Wyoming in 1873, and has been a member of Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, of the Order of Odd Fellows since 1868, and is now the oldest living member of that order here. He is also a past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias, having been affiliated with that order since 1872. He is a life member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, having become a member of that order in Denver, Colorado, Lodge, No. 17, in 1896. He is a past exalted ruler of and is a charter member of Cheyenne Lodge, No. 660, B. P. O. E.

His qualities, characteristics, and ability along various lines have called him to leadership in connection with business, political and fraternal interests, and today he justly ranks with the prominent, honored and representative men of Wyoming.

HARRY H. HIME.

Harry H. Hime, who since the fall of 1906 has been identified with the Basin State Bank at Basin, Wyoming, filling the position of cashier and manager at the present time, was born in Indianola, Iowa, May 24, 1879, a son of Beneville and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Hime, who were pioneers of Iowa, taking up their abode in that state when the work of progress and development was in its initial stage.

Harry H. Hime, spent his youthful days under the parental roof and at the usual age began his education there, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school at Indianola with the class of 1896. He also pursued a short business course. In early life he learned the printer's trade, which he followed at different periods in Iowa, Colorado and Wyoming, and in 1904 he became manager of the Bighorn County Rustler. In 1906, however, he entered into active connection with the State Bank of Basin and has been a factor in the conduct and successful management of the bank since that time. In fact, its policy has been largely directed by him and he has made the institution one of the strong financial concerns of this part of the state.

On the 9th of November, 1910, Mr. Hime was married to Miss Florence B. O'Neil, a daughter of James and Rachel O'Neil. She accompanied her parents on their removal westward from Warren, Indiana, in 1908, the father bringing his family to Wyoming at the time of the opening up of the oil and gas fields, in which he was interested. Mr. and Mrs. Hime have become parents of a son, James Beneville, now five years of age.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Presbyterian church. In political belief Mr. Hime is a republican but not an active party worker, although he served as deputy county clerk of Bighorn county in 1905 and 1906, but resigned to accept a position in the Basin State Bank and since that time has never sought or desired political preferment. He does not hesitate to support

plans and measures for the general good, however, and in that way is a most public spirited citizen, giving his aid and influence to all movements which are calculated to advance the welfare of community, county and commonwealth.

WILLIAM C. CUNNINGTON, D. D. S.

For thirty years Dr. William C. Cunningham has actively engaged in the practice of dentistry and since 1908 has maintained an office at Kemmerer, where a liberal patronage is accorded him. He was born in Callodan, Ontario, Canada, March 16, 1854, a son of John Cunningham, who was also a native of Canada and a representative of one of the old families of that country of English and Irish lineage. The paternal grandfather, William Cunningham, was the founder of the American branch of the family, crossing the Atlantic to Canada during the early part of the nineteenth century and casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Ontario. He hewed his own logs to be used in building a house and in the midst of the wilderness developed a farm, performing the arduous task of cutting down the trees and preparing the land for cultivation. As the years passed on, he won success in his farming operations. His son John afterward became a pioneer settler of Waterloo, Iowa, where he took up his abode in 1868. Later he again heard and heeded the call of the west, removing to Clay county, Nebraska, establishing his home near Sutton, where he followed farming until 1892. In that year he took up his abode in Evanston, Wyoming, where he carried on stock raising and farming, there passing away July 16, 1916, at the notable old age of eighty-nine years and one month. He retired from active business life about ten years prior to his death but continued in business for a much longer period than many men. Such a record should put to shame many a man of less resolute spirit who grows weary of the struggles and trials of business life and relegates to others the burdens that he should bear. The well spent years of Mr. Cunningham won him the substantial fruits of labor and in his last days he was thus enabled to enjoy all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. He married Janette McDonald, a native of Canada, who is of Scotch descent and still survives, occupying the old homestead at Evanston. She is remarkably well preserved for a woman of her age, having reached the eighty-second milestone on life's journey.

Dr. Cunningham of this review was the eldest of a family of ten children, nine of whom are still living. He was educated in Waterloo, Iowa, attending the public schools, and afterward he pursued a course in the Chicago Dental College, but long before he entered upon preparation for the profession he had begun to earn his living in other ways. His early life was spent upon the home farm and at the age of seventeen he started out independently, working as a farm hand for neighbors in Nebraska. He also rode the range as a Nebraska cowboy for six years. At length, however, he determined to devote his life to professional activity and began preparation for the practice of dentistry in Chicago. Following his graduation he opened an office in Sutton, Nebraska, where he remained for seven months, and in the spring of 1887 he removed to Evanston, Wyoming, where he continuously and successfully practiced for twenty-one years. On the expiration of that period he established an office in Kemmerer, where he located July 5, 1908. Through the intervening period, covering more than nine years, he has remained in active and continuous practice in Kemmerer and is the dean of the dental profession in this section of the state. He is splendidly qualified for high professional achievements. He possesses marked mechanical skill and ingenuity in the operative work and underlying all of his labors is a broad knowledge of the scientific phases of dentistry brought to light by the latest investigation and research work.

Dr. Cunningham was married February 14, 1889, to Miss Annie Faulkner, a

native of Evanston, and they have two children: Pearl, the wife of B. J. Barnes, of Evanston; and Mrs. J. C. Colvin, also of Evanston.

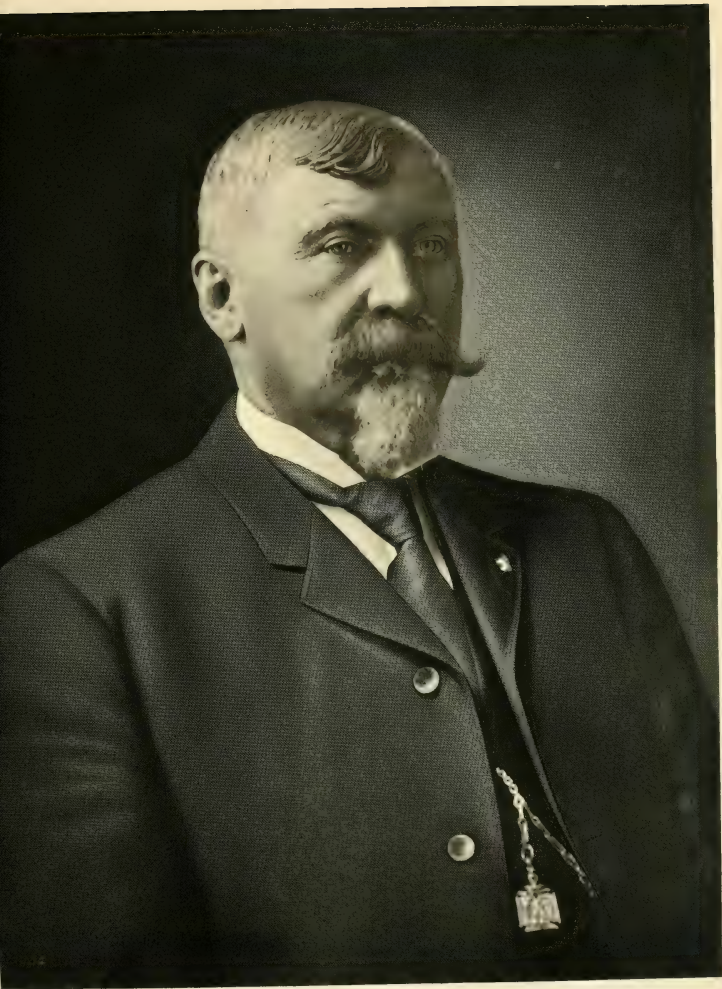
Dr. Cunningham votes with the republican party and for two years he served as county coroner of Uinta county. He has also been a member of the city council of Kemmerer and is much interested in political and civic matters, doing everything in his power to advance high standards of citizenship. For six years he occupied the position of state dental examiner, his appointment to that office indicating clearly his high professional standing. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Rock Springs and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Evanston. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He belongs to the Kemmerer Chamber of Commerce and cooperates heartily in all of its well defined plans and measures for the up-building of the city and the advancement of its interests along material, intellectual, social, political and moral lines.

WILLIAM DALEY.

There is probably no better known of the real pioneers of Wyoming living today than William Daley, of Rawlins. Not of the pioneers who followed the railroad into the country, but one of those who cast their fortune with that portion of the western frontier now the state of Wyoming before the Union Pacific was anywhere near the present borders of the state. During the more than fifty-two years of his identification with the growth and development of this country he has not only been an eye witness but a participant in the stirring events of the various periods of its history, with an experience and distinction that few living today can claim.

William Daley was born June 13, 1844, at St. Johns, New Brunswick, being one of a family of nine children, whose parents were Richard and Eliza (Daley) Daley, both natives of Ireland, but who in early life emigrated to Canada and became residents of New Brunswick, where the father engaged in farming and stock raising throughout his active life. William Daley attended the public schools of his native country, later taking up the trade of shipbuilding, a business that was extensively carried on in that locality, and which he followed at Black River and other shipbuilding points. In the spring of 1866 he was one of a party that left New Brunswick for the Rocky mountain country in the States. They reached St. Joseph, Missouri, by rail, then went up the Missouri to Nebraska City, where young Daley entered the employ of a freighting outfit owned by Coe & Carter—that was carrying freight to Fort Mitchell. Shortly after reaching the latter place he hired out to another freighting concern—A. C. Beckwith, Joe Sanders and Judge Kinney, who were taking sutler's supplies and other material to Fort Phil Kearney, then building on the Bozeman trail. This meant a journey of nearly three hundred miles across country, along which there was not a white resident save at the forts, and much of the distance was through a country infested by hostile Indians. Fort Phil Kearney was reached in midsummer of 1866, and there Mr. Daley entered the employ of the government, working at his trade. It is an important chapter in the history of this section of the west: these events surrounding Fort Phil Kearney during its erection and the first year of its existence. These events are not only a matter of government record, but have been faithfully described by able writers who, like Mr. Daley, were living at the fort during this time. "Army Life on the Plains," by Frances C. Carrington (1910), is largely given to a description of these events during a part of the time that Mr. Daley was there.

Fort Phil Kearney was one of the posts erected along a new wagon road through the Powder River country around the Big Horn mountains, with the object of shortening the route to Montana. This project was bitterly opposed by Red Cloud, a leader of the young warriors of the northern Sioux and the



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other principal chiefs. In June, 1866, a conference had been held at Fort Laramie, where an effort was made to have these chiefs yield the privilege of peaceably establishing the new road with military posts along the route. These negotiations came to an abrupt end when the government decided to go ahead with the plan regardless of its opposition by the tribes whose best hunting grounds were to be invaded and who were quick to perceive that it meant practically the permanent advent of the white man. The leading chiefs left the council with their adherents, returned to their own country and with a strong force of warriors began a vigorous and relentless war against all whites, citizens as well as soldiers, who attempted to occupy the route in question. Fort Phil Kearney seemed to be the post that more than any other was the object of attack by these savages. All during the summer and fall of 1866 while the work of building the fort was being pushed as rapidly as possible, scarcely a day passed but what some one of the fort attachés or members of the garrison was wounded or killed by the Indians from ambush. The wood train, the sawmill crew or those at work in the hay field, were constantly in danger of their lives since their work was not within the confines of the fort. The hay field (four miles distant) was picketed the entire distance. It is doubtful if ever a post on the western frontier was continually harassed during the period of construction as was that of Fort Phil Kearney. With the completion of the structure, flag raising day came on October 31st. The flagpole (pronounced by Gen. Carrington, the commander, as being the handsomest in America) stood one hundred and twenty-four feet high and was largely the product of William Daley's mechanical skill. The flag at its top that day was the first full "Garrison Flag" that ever floated between the Platte and Montana, and Mr. Daley had the honor of hoisting it for the first time. In his address on that occasion, General Carrington referred to the "beautiful pole, perfect in detail as if wrought and finished in the navy yards of New York, Philadelphia or Boston." The subsequent events connected with the life at Fort Phil Kearney during the remaining period of Mr. Daley's stay there are fully mentioned elsewhere in this work and include the fight of December 6, when Lieutenant Bingham and Sergeant Bowers were among the slain, also the Fetterman Massacre on December 21, which ranks as one of the most tragic events in the Indian warfare of the west.

In January, 1867, Mr. Daley was included among a number that were transferred from Fort Phil Kearney to other posts and on the 23d of that month the party, with an escort of forty infantry and twenty cavalry, together with many empty wagons that were to return from Fort Reno with supplies for Fort Phil Kearney, all under the command of Lieutenant Alpheus H. Bowman, started from Fort Phil Kearney. This was probably one of the most strenuous journeys ever undertaken by a military party in the state. Deep snow, immense drifts, bitter cold during which the mercury congealed in the bulb, and at every halt precaution—necessary to prevent a surprise attack by the Indians! Very few, if any member, of the party there was but who suffered more or less exposure. At Mud Springs Mr. Daley was severely attacked by snow blindness, which completely deprived him of his sight, and was accompanied by excruciating pain for several days. The entire journey to Fort McPherson, which was Mr. Daley's destination, was one ever to be remembered. The thousands and thousands of buffalo seen on the journey caused even the veteran plainsmen to admit they had never before seen these animals so numerous.

Mr. Daley was employed at his trade in the rebuilding of Fort McPherson until he went into business for himself in delivering wood to the Union Pacific road, employing his own team in the work. Later going to Cheyenne, he entered the employ of the Union Pacific, working at his trade of carpenter, and before long was given charge of a gang. Mr. Daley was present at Promontory Point, Utah, in 1869, when the completion of the Union Pacific Railway was celebrated. From 1871 to 1877 he was assistant superintendent of buildings and waterworks for the company between Cheyenne and Ogden. In the latter year he left the employ of the railroad and located in Rawlins, where he engaged in the contract-

ing and lumber business, as well as becoming the first furniture dealer in the city. His business also included retail ice and coal. These projects were profitably conducted, and as his capital increased he became connected with other lines. About 1882 he became connected with the ranch business, first with a desert claim of two hundred and eighty acres, from which modest beginning the great Daley ranch of today is the outgrowth. Until 1892 his ranch interests were confined to cattle and horses, since when the sheep industry has been extensively followed. From time to time Mr. Daley has relinquished his interests other than ranching and banking. The former have attained extensive proportions and the Daley ranch now includes about twenty-four thousand acres, and the Red Desert property about forty thousand acres, with Table Rock as headquarters. These interests have been incorporated as The William Daley Company, with William Daley as president and William W. Daley as general manager. The Daley ranch, fourteen miles west of Rawlins along the line of the Union Pacific Railroad, is one of the finest ranch properties in this section of the west. The stock barn, a modern structure eighty-eight by one hundred feet, is one of the largest in the state. The station of Daley's Ranch on this line was named for it. During the presidential campaign of 1900, Theodore Roosevelt and a party of fifty-two other prominent men of national and state reputation were over-Sunday guests of Mr. Daley at the ranch. Several years later, while Mr. Daley was the guest of President Roosevelt in Washington, when presented to Mrs. Roosevelt, the president remarked: "This is the gentleman you have heard me speak of and at whose home in Wyoming I had the grandest dinner I ever sat down to."

In the latter '80s, in company with I. C. Miller, J. C. Davis, John W. Hugus and others, Mr. Daley organized the First National Bank of Rawlins and was for some years a director of that institution. Later he disposed of his interests therein, and on January 1, 1899, was one of the organizers of the Rawlins State Bank, which on June 9, 1900, became the Rawlins National Bank. Mr. Daley served as vice president until 1913, when he became president, a relationship that he has since maintained. The Rawlins National Bank was organized with a fifty thousand dollar capital, which has since been twice increased and now stands at one hundred thousand dollars. Its growth has been steady and continues, and it now ranks with the strongest and best managed financial institutions in the state. Mr. Daley's connection with banking institutions in Rawlins has not only been marked by their substantial growth and progress but has extended through a longer period than that of any of his contemporaries.

On December 15, 1871, Mr. Daley was united in marriage at Salt Lake to Miss Rhoda S. Tilden, born at Allegany, Cattaraugus county, New York, on July 14, 1854, a daughter of Samuel J. and Loretta (Bywater) Tilden. The father was a cousin of Samuel J. Tilden, who was, in 1876, presidential candidate on the democratic ticket. The father of Mrs. Daley was engaged in the lumber business in different sections of the west, having migrated there with his family before the Union Pacific was completed across the state of Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Daley have become the parents of six children. Their eldest, William W., born in Evanston, Wyoming, is a graduate of the high school of Rawlins and has since been extensively engaged in stock raising in this state, where he is well known and has served in the state senate. He married Miss Margaret E. Edwards, of Rawlins, on the 12th of January, 1901. She is a daughter of William and Rose Edwards and was born at Woodstock, Ontario. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son, Percy Edward, who was born in Rawlins, November 11, 1902, and is now attending high school in his native city. The second of the family is Mrs. J. A. Hobbs, who was born in Rawlins, where her husband is a well known merchant. They have two sons, William A. and Harry J. Hobbs. Etta M. Daley became the wife of E. F. Steward and has one child, Edgar Perce, who was born in Rawlins. Perce E. Daley, born in Rawlins, graduated from the high school and is now in the Engineering Corps of the United States Army. Florence, now Mrs. G. B. Weller, born in Rawlins and a graduate of the high school, has become by her marriage the mother of three children, George B.,

Rhoda and Ruth. John R., born in Rawlins and a graduate of the high school, is now engaged in the brokerage business in Sacramento, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Daley are members of the Episcopal church and are prominent in the social circles of the city, having many warm friends throughout Rawlins and this section of the state. William Daley is one of the best known Masons in the state. He was the first Master Mason raised in Evanston Lodge, U. D., March 14, 1876; worshipful master, Rawlins Lodge, 1882; grand master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, 1888; grand treasurer from 1899 to the present time; Chapter, Royal Arch, May 9, 1886; Knight Templar, Ivanhoe Commandery, 1886; Eminent Commander, Ivanhoe Commandery, Knights Templar, 1892; Grand Commander, Wyoming, 1889-90; A. A. Scottish Rite, 1894; elected K. C. C. H. February, 1897; Potentate, Korein Temple, A. A. O. N. Mystic Shrine, 1896-97; honorary life member, Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. Mystic Shrine, 1916; Emeritus Member Imperial Council, A. A. O. N. Mystic Shrine, 1916; October 30, 1912, he was made honorary member of Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Chicago, Illinois.

For two terms he served as mayor of Rawlins and was for two terms a member of the Wyoming territorial council; while for several terms he represented his district in the state legislature and has left the impress of his individuality, ability and public spirit upon the laws of the state. Mr. Daley has been one of the "wheel horses" of the republican party in Wyoming for a great many years and has twice declined to become the party's candidate for governor. However, he has worked and contributed toward the success of the party at all times. He is a self-made man, who owes his advancement entirely to his individual effort, merit and ability. On removing to the west his cash capital was less than one dollar, while at the present time he has become one of the important factors in the business circles of the state, ranking very high in connection with banking interests, and at the same time has found opportunity to render valuable public service to the commonwealth. Forty-two years after the flag-raising incident at Fort Phil Kearney a reunion of the survivors of those present on October 31, 1866, was held on the site of the old fort. The services on this occasion were most appropriate and included the hoisting by Mr. Daley of the identical flag that forty-two years before he had unfurled to the breeze at Fort Phil Kearney. This flag had in the meantime been presented to him by General Carington, the commander of the fort, and is yet in Mr. Daley's possession as a most cherished souvenir of a period in Wyoming's history of which there are but very few survivors.

His acquaintance has included the prominent men of Wyoming for fifty years and today there are few men in the state in public or private life who are any better known. He is well preserved in mind and body, considering all he had to undergo in his early days but his natural robust physique has helped him greatly, for as a young man of twenty-one he weighed two hundred and thirty-five pounds, standing six feet three and one-half inches.

HON. GEORGE E. BRIMMER.

Hon. George E. Brimmer is a member of the law firm of Brimmer & Brimmer, of Rawlins, Wyoming. He was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, April 10, 1870, and is a son of E. C. and Ada (Crysler) Brimmer, the former a native of Massachusetts, while the latter was born in Canada. E. C. Brimmer remained a resident of Massachusetts throughout his entire life. His wife has also passed away. They were the parents of six children, of whom George E. was the second in order of birth.

At the usual age he became a public school pupil in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and after mastering the branches of learning there taught he became a student in Columbia University, where he pursued his law course and was graduated

with the class of 1901. He then began practice at Glens Falls, New York, where he continued until 1905, when he removed to Rawlins, where he has since remained, practicing as a member of the firm of Brimmer & Brimmer. He belongs to the Wyoming State Bar Association and the breadth of his interests is indicated in his connection with the American Academy of Political Science. In addition to his other interests Mr. Brimmer is identified with the First National Bank of Rawlins and with live stock corporations.

On the 24th of February, 1910, in Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Brimmer was married to Miss Anna Gould, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. K. Gould, of that city. They have become the parents of three children: Nancy, who was born in Rawlins in 1911; John Godfrey, born in 1915; and William Nicholson, in 1917.

Mr. Brimmer is prominent in Masonic circles. He has taken the degrees of the Consistory and York Rite, and is a past commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, K. T. He is deputy grand master A. F. & A. M., and he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

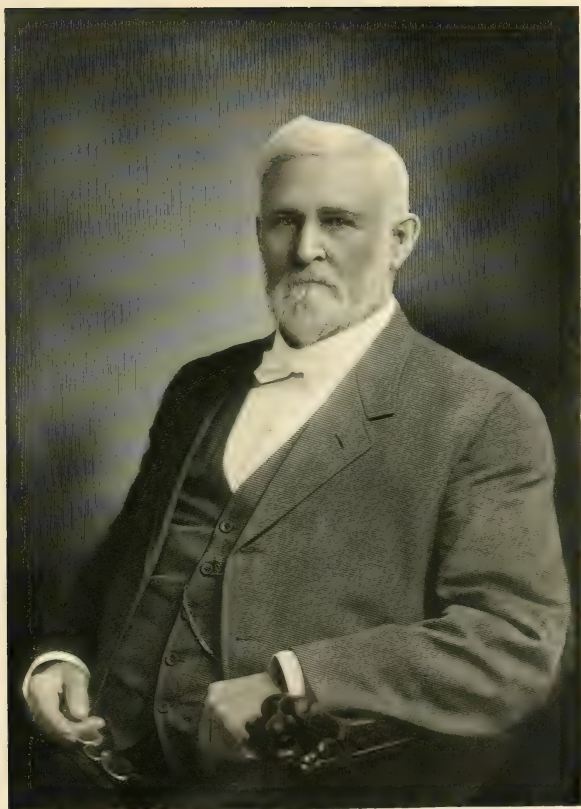
HON. HENRY ASA COFFEEN.

Hon. Henry Asa Coffeen was one of the honored pioneer settlers of Wyoming who contributed much to the development of the state in its material upbuilding and also to the establishment of its political policy. Actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general good, he labored earnestly and effectively for the best interests of the commonwealth and his efforts were far-reaching and beneficial.

Mr. Coffeen was born in Gallia county, Ohio, February 14, 1841, and was a representative of one of the oldest New England families, being a direct descendant of Captain John Coffeen, who was born at Topsfield, Massachusetts, and was a son of Michael Coffeen, a native of Ireland, who belonged to a wealthy family of that country. At the age of sixteen, while in college in Dublin, he was enticed on board a vessel bound for America, where in due time he arrived. At the age of twenty years he married and settled in Topsfield, Massachusetts, where he reared a large family of children, of whom Captain John Coffeen was the eldest. In early manhood John Coffeen became master and owner of a coasting vessel, which a little later was wrecked. About that time he married Susanna Goldsmith, a native of Boston, and removed to Middletown, Connecticut, where he resided for four years. He then went to Ringe, New Hampshire, where he remained for fourteen years and assisted in organizing the town and developed a new farm there. In 1768 he went to Vermont and for two years and three months his was the only family residing at what has since become the city of Cavendish. It was in June, 1769, that he took up his abode there. Following the outbreak of the Revolutionary war he was appointed captain of militia in 1775 and he represented his town in the state legislature in 1781, 1785 and 1786. He was also a member of the convention which signed the revised Declaration of Independence of Vermont and which framed the constitution of that state. He reared a large family of children, many of whom partook of his own enterprising and adventurous disposition and became pioneers in the west. He died respected and lamented, leaving a long line of descendants to mourn his departure.

The pioneer spirit has ever been manifest in the family. Henry Asa Coffeen was but a young lad when his parents removed from Ohio to become pioneer settlers of the state of Illinois. The family home was established at Homer and there Henry A. Coffeen was reared, meeting with all the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of the frontier. On the twenty-fourth anniversary of his birth he was married.

In the meantime he had completed a course in the public schools near his home and he had continued his education in Butler College of Indiana, while



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subsequently he became a student in Abingdon College of Abingdon, Illinois. In his studies he displayed special aptitude and made a splendid record. His course attracted the attention of prominent educators of that period and following his graduation he was offered the chair of natural science in Hiram College of Ohio, at which time James A. Garfield, afterward president of the United States, was president of the institution. A warm friendship sprang up between the two men that was broken only by death. Mr. Coffeen, after severing his connection with Hiram College, became one of the organizers of the Eastern Illinois College, in which he also filled the chair of natural science. He afterward became a lecturer and when the Lyceum was a form of popular education he traveled extensively in connection with Lyceum work, visiting most of the larger cities of the United States as a public lecturer. Throughout his entire life Mr. Coffeen was a close student of questions of the day and of the trend of public thought and progress, and with the organization of the Knights of Labor he became one of the prominent men of that society and was elected to a position corresponding to that of vice president. He became one of the most efficient national lecturers of the organization, occupying the position for two years, but his opinions concerning strikes and boycotts differed so radically from other leaders of the society that he resigned. His interest in the west led him to remove from Danville, Illinois, to Wyoming, in April, 1884, at which time he took up his abode in the Big Horn country, and after completing arrangements for the reception of his family he was, five months later, joined by his wife and children. As previously stated, Mr. Coffeen was married on the twenty-fourth anniversary of his birth, to Miss Harriet Newell King and to them were born three children: Mrs. Hallie C. Gillette; Mrs. Mabel Telander; and Herbert A. Coffeen, who has passed away since his father's death. The daughters yet reside in Sheridan. The wife and mother passed away June 4, 1901, and on the 28th of June, 1904, Mr. Coffeen was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Alice Dwight of Denver.

With his arrival at Big Horn, Mr. Coffeen at once became identified with its business and public interests. He at first turned his attention to merchandising and afterward became owner of a ranch. At that time it was believed that the town of Big Horn was the coming city of northern Wyoming and Mr. Coffeen decided to make it his permanent place of abode, but within three years Sheridan had so far outstripped its neighbor in the race for metropolitan honors that Mr. Coffeen decided to remove to the larger place, and in 1887 established his mercantile business in Sheridan, where he continued to make his home until his demise. He was a man of marked business enterprise, of keen sagacity and notably sound judgment and his commercial interests were most carefully, wisely and successfully conducted. As he prospered in his undertakings and his financial resources increased he made extensive investments in real estate.

The worth of his character, his ability and his public spirit was soon manifest and it followed as a logical sequence that Mr. Coffeen's services were sought in connection with the public interests of his city and state. He was made a member of the state constitutional convention which framed the organic law of Wyoming, in reference to which a contemporary biographer has written: "It was in this position that he performed a service for the state that, had the remainder of his life as a statesman been void of results, this alone should accord him a niche in the hall of fame and cause his memory to be honored by all residents of the commonwealth, for it was due to his efforts perhaps more than to those of any other one person that the equal suffrage section of the territorial constitution was written into the constitution of the new state. Many opposed this section and the fight was bitter. Not alone did Mr. Coffeen stand for the recognition of women, for there were other brilliant men who fought nobly for the cause. But the contest was so close that, had one man wavered, the cause must have been lost, and because he stood firm, Mr. Coffeen deserves the gratitude and respect of every citizen of the state, without regard to political affiliation. Another section written into the Wyoming state constitution was with regard to the tonnage taxation on the coal output. This was a new idea at

that time and it was strongly opposed. Mr. Coffeen did not claim that he originated the idea, but he led the fight for its adoption and won." In 1892 Mr. Coffeen was chosen as the second representative of the state of Wyoming in congress. Again we quote: "Being of the minority party and the only democrat from this state ever elected to congress, he remained but one term, but during his service in Washington he proved himself to be an able statesman and made an enviable record. His services in assisting to secure the location of Fort Mackenzie in Sheridan placed the citizens of this city under lasting obligations to him. During his term he also secured the passage of a bill establishing a federal court in Sheridan, but the law never became operative until last fall. During his term Congressman Coffeen made the first speech ever heard in congress advocating reclamation of semi-arid lands along the lines that have since been put in practice, and which has added millions of acres of rich and valuable lands to the wealth of the country. Many give to him the credit of being the father of the present reclamation idea, for his speech on this subject was made August 15, 1894, and in it he advocated many of the laws since passed and now in force." Years before Mr. Coffeen represented Wyoming in the national halls of legislation he had resided in Danville, Illinois, which was also the home town of Hon. Joseph Cannon, ex-speaker of the house of representatives. In the early '80s there was a triangular contest for congress between Cannon, Mr. Coffeen and General John Charles Black, all residents of Danville. The last named became the candidate of the democratic party for congress at that time. Mr. Cannon won the election. A decade afterward, when Mr. Coffeen was sent to congress as the representative of Wyoming, he there met his two competitors of former years, "Uncle Joe" and General Black, who were also members of the house at that time.

The death of Henry A. Coffeen occurred December 8, 1913, and in his passing Wyoming mourned the loss of one of its most honored and valued citizens. He had always been a tireless seeker after truth, a deep thinker and a great reader, and his library of theosophical and religious works, as well as metaphysical and philosophical literature, was probably as complete as any in the state. He was also a writer of much more than average ability, his introduction to the Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ, by Levi, published both in America and London, having a large circulation. In early manhood he had been editor of a paper in Danville, Illinois, and afterward had edited a Chicago magazine known as the Cosmos. He ever kept in touch with the great political, sociological and economic questions of the age, and in Wyoming was recognized as one who largely directed and molded public thought and opinion.

GEORGE E. PEXTON.

Among the rapidly developing business interests of Evanston is that conducted under the name of the Bear River & Scofield Coal Company, of which George E. Pexton is the president. He was born in Vernon, New York, September 23, 1863, and is a son of George Pexton, a native of England, who came to America in 1850 and settled at Vernon, where he has followed the occupation of farming quite successfully. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and George Pexton, Sr., has ever taken an active interest in its work, supporting all those measures which he deems of value in advancing the growth and promoting the prosperity of his community. He has held to high civic standards and maintains his interest in community affairs, although he has reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years. He still resides upon the old home place at Vernon, his birth having occurred in May, 1829. He married Catherine Rivenburgh, a native of the state of New York, born near Troy, and descended from Dutch ancestry that was originally established in the Mohawk valley. Mrs. Pexton passed away in 1894, at the age of sixty-five years. In



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their family were three children: Lorenz R., who is residing in Vernon, New York; George E., of this review; and Sidney A., who makes his home in Chicago.

George E. Pexton, spending his boyhood and youth in his native city, acquired his education in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. He started out independently when twenty-four years of age. His youth had been passed upon the home farm and he early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1887 he sought the opportunities offered in the great and growing west, making his way to Evanston, Wyoming, where he became engaged in mercantile lines. He carried on business in that way until 1893 and was also connected with the hotel business in Evanston and in Ogden, Utah. He became largely interested in the meantime in coal mining and is now president of the Bear River & Scofield Coal Company, which is operating extensively in this section of the country, having valuable mining properties. He is also a director of the First National Bank and is the owner of the Z Bar ranch, located in Uinta county. His business investments have been most judiciously made and his sound judgment and enterprise have constituted the broad basis upon which he has built the superstructure of his substantial success.

In 1895, in Evanston, Mr. Pexton was united in marriage to Miss Annie S. Saunders, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah. They have two sons, George Ellsworth and Sidney Vernon.

Politically Mr. Pexton is an earnest republican, giving stalwart support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and doing everything in his power to advance its success. He is recognized as one of the leading and influential residents of his part of the state and in fact is prominently known throughout Wyoming. He was made vice president of the state commission to the St. Louis and to the Portland expositions and since 1902 he has been Wyoming's representative on the republican national committee. Fraternally he is a Knight Templar Mason and is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and he is serving as one of its trustees. In a word, his interests are broad and in every connection of life he has borne himself with such signal dignity and honor as to gain him the respect of all with whom he has been associated. He has been and is distinctively a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence. A strong mentality, an invincible courage, a most determined individuality have so entered into his make-up as to render him a natural leader of men and a director of opinion.

WILLIAM H. DAVIS.

William H. Davis is a well known figure in banking circles in eastern Wyoming and is now one of the chief executive officers of the First National Bank of Douglas, holding the position of vice president in that institution. He has closely studied financial problems and recognizes the fact that the bank is most worthy of credit and support that most carefully safeguards the interest of its depositors. Mr. Davis has worked his way steadily upward since entering into banking connections in a clerical capacity.

He was born in Minnesota on the 25th of October, 1870, and is a son of Daniel P. and Sarah E. (Drake) Davis. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges, the family removing to the vicinity of Harrison, Nebraska, in the year 1887, their home being near the Wyoming line. Mr. Davis afterward took up the profession of teaching and his ability in that direction was such that he was chosen county superintendent of schools in Nebraska. He also gave his attention in early manhood to the newspaper business for a time and since 1899 has been connected with banking, at which time he secured a clerical position in the First National Bank at Harrison, Nebraska, in which institution he was

advanced to the position of cashier, so serving until 1916, and he is still vice president of that bank. In the year mentioned he was called to the vice presidency of the First National Bank of Douglas and he is also the vice president of the Van Tassell Bank. The First National Bank of Douglas is a thriving and progressive institution. Something of the nature of its business is indicated in its statement which was issued November 20, 1917, at the close of its fiscal year and which is as follows:

Resources	Liabilities
Loans, discounts\$552,292.83	Capital stock.....\$ 75,000.00
Bonds and securities 158,105.94	Surplus and undivided
Real estate 11,595.39	profits 73,943.51
Cash and exchange..... 263,158.06	Circulation 75,000.00
	Deposits 761,208.71
<u>\$985,152.22</u>	<u>\$985,152.22</u>

The officers and directors of this bank are: C. F. Coffee, W. H. Davis, T. C. Rowley, C. F. Maurer, F. W. Clarke, Jr., and Theo Pringle—names which indicate the strength of the institution.

On the 21st of March, 1894, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Wanda Pontius and to them have been born three children: Dee P., Clarence V. and Mercy E. Mr. Davis votes with the republican party, of which he is a loyal adherent. He has taken the degrees of the blue lodge in Masonry, is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and to its teachings he is ever loyal, his belief actuating him in all business and public as well as private relations of life. He therefore commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been associated.

C. P. SCOTT.

C. P. Scott, vice president and manager of the Rock Springs Lumber Company and also actively engaged in business as a contractor, was born in Lincoln county, Missouri, March 10, 1866, a son of John and Julia (Cummings) Scott. The father is a native of Ireland and remained in that country to the age of seventeen years, when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, becoming a resident of Ohio. Subsequently he removed westward to Lincoln county, Missouri, where he engaged in farming and still makes his home, although he has for some years lived retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, as he has now reached the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey. His wife also survives and is seventy-eight years of age. In their family were thirteen children, eleven of whom survive: James T., a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; John T., who makes his home in Lincoln county, Missouri; W. P. and R. E., who are also living in Lincoln county, that state; Allen, who is located in Crook county, Wyoming; Ella, also of Crook county, this state; Minnie, who became the wife of Gonza Mudd and died in Crook county, Wyoming, in June, 1917; Mrs. Julia O'Brien, living in Lincoln county, Missouri; Mrs. Celia V. Fahey, whose home is in Cheyenne, Wyoming; Mrs. Georgia Cook, of St. Louis, Missouri; Clara, located in Lincoln county, Missouri; C. P., of this review; and one who died in infancy.

C. P. Scott was the second in order of birth in this family. In his boyhood days he attended the public schools of his native county, after which he secured a position with the Iron Mountain Railway Company in the bridge and building department and while thus employed traveled extensively over their system. He remained with the company for two years and then went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he took up contract work, continuing in business in that city for four years. Returning to Lincoln county, Missouri, he was there en-

gaged in building and contracting for six years and on the expiration of that period entered the retail lumber business, which he carried on for four years. He then left Missouri to become a resident of Rock Springs, Wyoming, in 1908, and became associated with the Rock Springs Lumber Company, in which connection he is conducting a business of large and gratifying proportions, his patronage steadily growing. He also does contract work and both branches of his business are proving profitable.

In February, 1902, in Lincoln county, Missouri, Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Mary Gertrude Mattingly, a daughter of W. R. and Anna E. (Mudd) Mattingly, who were also residents of Lincoln county, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have become the parents of two children, Retah, who was born in Lincoln county, Missouri, in 1903, and is now attending school in Cheyenne, this being her second year in convent work there; and William, who was born in Lincoln county, Missouri, in 1905 and is a pupil in the schools of Rock Springs.

Fraternally Mr. Scott is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is serving as a trustee of the local lodge. He is also a trustee of the South Side Catholic church of Rock Springs, of which he and his family are communicants. His political support is given to the democratic party and he is now serving as a member of the city council, taking active part in furthering the best interests of the community. He is a self-made man and one who deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he has worked persistently and earnestly since starting out in the business world. His labors have brought good results and today he is one of the well known and valued representatives of commercial and industrial activity in his adopted city.

HON. HERMAN B. GATES.

Wyoming on the whole has been fortunate in the class of men who have occupied her public positions. They have usually been devoted to the general welfare and qualified by innate ability and experience for the duties that have devolved upon them. In his present position as state treasurer Hon. Herman B. Gates is adding to the stability of the state, while his record reflects credit and honor upon his constituents.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Auburn, January 7, 1884, a son of Jacob A. and Susan M. (Ballou) Gates. The father was a farmer by occupation and went to Illinois from the south. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil war and he passed away when his son Herman was but a year and a half old. The mother is still living and in the family were four children but two sisters died in infancy.

Herman B. Gates, who was the third in order of birth, acquired a public school education in Auburn, Illinois, passing through consecutive grades to the high school and he then completed a business course. In 1902 he removed to the west with Thermopolis, Wyoming, as his destination, and became bookkeeper in the First National Bank, which position he occupied for three years. He was afterward assistant cashier and eventually he became one of the organizers of the First National Bank at Worland, Wyoming. He was made cashier upon the organization in 1906 and afterward, in 1910, was elected to the vice presidency of the bank and later was made its president. He thus became widely known in financial circles and his broad experience, ability and enterprise brought him prominently to the front as a logical candidate for the office which he is now filling. He was elected in 1914 to the position of state treasurer for a four years' term and is a most capable custodian of the public funds, thoroughly familiar with the complex problems which devolve upon him in this connection. At one time Mr. Gates served as director of the Hanover Canal Company, which was engaged in building canals in the Worland district, and later he was one of the directors of the Upper Hanover Water Association, a farmers' organization which took over the canal from the construction company. At present he is vice president and a



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director of the Western National Life Insurance Company, a Wyoming corporation with headquarters in Cheyenne. For a time also Mr. Gates was engaged in ranging cattle, pursuing this business for about three years in the Thermopolis district, on Kirby creek, known as the Black Mountain country.

On the 28th of August, 1908, Mr. Gates was married to Miss Nellie Foster, a daughter of A. L. Foster, of Iowa. Since becoming a resident of Wyoming, Mr. Gates has made judicious investment in property in this state. He is interested in beet farming and in stock raising and is one of the directors of the sugar company owning and operating a factory at Worland, Wyoming, having been instrumental in the establishment of the plant there. He is fond of hunting and fishing and enjoys various phases of outdoor life.

Fraternally he is connected with the Masons as a Knight Templar and as a representative of the consistory and the Mystic Shrine. He is a Protestant in his religious faith. In politics he has always been an earnest republican and in 1911 was elected to the state legislature, where he took active part in furthering through legislative enactment many of the best interests of Wyoming. He has always been devoted to the welfare of the state and has been particularly active in advancing the development of Worland and the Big Horn basin, having seen the town grow from nothing to a city of fifteen hundred. Twice he has acted as its mayor in 1910 and 1911 and at all times his aid and cooperation can be counted upon to further local progress or advance the welfare of the state. Broad-minded and public-spirited, his labors have been productive of great good and at the same time he has carefully and wisely directed his private business affairs, so that substantial results have accrued. His home is at Worland.

GUY U. SHOEMAKER.

Guy U. Shoemaker is the postmaster of Laramie and one of the prominent and influential residents of that city. He was born in Elliott, Iowa, April 27, 1882, a son of the late Charles E. Shoemaker, who was a native of Illinois and belonged to one of the old families of that state. His ancestors came originally from Pennsylvania and were of German descent. The founder of the American branch of the family was one of six brothers who were among the earliest Dutch settlers of New Amsterdam and later representatives of the name became pioneer residents of Pennsylvania. Some of the family participated in the Revolutionary war. Charles E. Shoemaker, the father of Guy U. Shoemaker, was a successful Iowa farmer for many years, establishing his home in Montgomery county, that state, in 1880. There he resided for a considerable period, after which he removed to Adams county, where his death occurred in 1908, when he had reached the age of forty-eight years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Unangst, is a native of Pennsylvania and a representative of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family. She still survives and is now residing in Corning, Adams county, Iowa, in the old home which she has so long occupied. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters.

Guy U. Shoemaker is the eldest of the family and, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, he acquired his education in the public schools of Corning, Iowa, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. In early manhood or at the age of twenty he left the home farm upon which he had been reared and started out in the business world on his own account. He took up the profession of teaching, to which he devoted his energies from 1902 until 1908, following that profession in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, after which he removed to Wyoming. Prior to locating in Nebraska he spent one year in study in the Barnes Commercial College at Denver, Colorado, in which he pursued a special course.

It was in May, 1908, that Mr. Shoemaker arrived in Laramie a comparative

stranger. He there entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad in the freight department and continued in that position for a year. He afterward became associated with the W. H. Holliday Company as bookkeeper in the general office and continued with the firm for almost four years. Later he was with the Pacific Life Insurance Company as district manager and followed the insurance business until June 1, 1917, when he assumed the duties of postmaster, to which he had been appointed by President Wilson. He is a stalwart democrat in politics and for the past four years has been very active in political and civic matters in Laramie. He was elected to the office of mayor of the city in November, 1914, and served for one term, at the end of which time he received public endorsement of his administration in a reelection. He remained the chief executive of the city until he resigned to accept the position of postmaster, in which office he is displaying the same spirit of loyalty and the same methods of thoroughness and promptness which characterized his work as mayor.

On the 20th of June, 1908, Mr. Shoemaker was united in marriage, at Sidney, Nebraska, to Miss Anna Gunderson, a native of that state and a daughter of Amund Gunderson, who belonged to one of the pioneer families of Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have one daughter, Loma Ellen, who was born in Laramie, November 25, 1914.

Fraternally Mr. Shoemaker is a Mason, an Elk and a Knight of Pythias. He attends the Presbyterian church and he belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. His interests are broad and varied, touching the welfare of society in many ways, and he stands at all times for progress, improvement and advancement. His course has been steadily upward and he now occupies an enviable position in the regard of his fellow townsmen.

GEORGE H. PAUL.

George H. Paul, a representative of the Wyoming bar, practicing at Riverton, with a clientage that is extensive and of an important character, was born in Covington, Indiana, a son of George W. and Esther E. Paul. The father practiced law in the Hoosier state for about half a century and helped to frame the laws of Indiana during that period, becoming recognized as a potent force in shaping public thought and opinion along various lines.

George H. Paul pursued his education in the Wabash College of Indiana and prepared for the bar, after which he was admitted to practice. He came to Riverton in November, 1906, lived in a tent for two months and opened his law office in 1907. Later he was appointed city attorney, in which capacity he served for several years. He was admitted to the bar of Wyoming, October 11, 1907, and has since practiced in Riverton. All days in his career have not been equally bright. Advancement at the bar is proverbially slow and there usually comes a time to every young practitioner when he must patiently abide his time, content with lesser cases and smaller fees. But as the years passed on Mr. Paul demonstrated his ability to handle important legal problems and today is in control of a splendid general practice. His wife stood with him through all the hardships of pioneering and through her assistance and encouragement they managed to weather the hard times, believing in the possibilities of this section of the country. That they made no mistake in casting in their lot with the people of Riverton has been proven in the years which have since come and gone. In his professional career Mr. Paul has been retained in many of the important cases of this county. No one better knows the necessity for thorough preparation and no one more industriously prepares his cases than he. He is always courteous and deferential toward the court, and kind and forbearing toward the adversary. He examines a witness carefully and thoroughly but treats him with a respect which makes the witness grateful for his kindness and forbearance. His analysis



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of the facts is clear and exhaustive; he sees without effort the relation and dependence of the facts and so groups them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the points they tend to prove. It is these qualities that have made him one of the most successful lawyers in Fremont county.

In Ohio, in 1904, Mr. Paul was married to Miss Emma Dallas. They are members of the Methodist church and in his political views Mr. Paul is a republican. Well pleased with the west, he has passed through the pioneer epoch to the period of modern-day progress and prosperity. Today he is not only actively engaged in the practice of law, with a large clientage, but is also interested in a number of corporations, together with oil interests, farm lands and property in the town of Riverton, and his labors have met a just and merited reward.

HERBERT TAYLOR HARRIS, M. D.

Dr. Herbert Taylor Harris is one of the distinguished physicians and surgeons of northwestern Wyoming, being now successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Basin. Liberal college and university training have well qualified him for the onerous and responsible duties that devolve upon him in this connection and he is continually promoting his knowledge and efficiency by wide reading and study and yearly post graduate work.

Dr. Harris is a native of Illinois. He was born in Piasa, December 27, 1879, a son of William Johnston and Louise A. (Braley) Harris, the former a native of Frankford, Ontario, Canada, while the latter was born in Franklin, New Hampshire. The father was also a physician, devoting his entire life to the practise of medicine, and Dr. Herbert T. Harris was therefore, as it were, "to the manner born." He pursued his early education in the Wentworth Military Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He afterward attended the Creighton Medical College at Omaha, Nebraska, winning his M. D. degree upon graduation with the class of 1902. The following years he went abroad for study and for two years was a post graduate student in the University of Vienna, Austria, and at London, England.

Upon his return to the United States in 1905 Dr. Harris came to Wyoming and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he has since been constantly and successfully engaged. From 1905 until 1908 he was chief surgeon to the Sheridan Coal Company at Dietz and in the latter year he opened an office in Basin, where he has since practiced. He is half owner of, and surgeon to, the Basin Hospital, Inc., and in addition he has a large private practice which makes constant demands upon his time and energies. He is also interested in ranching, in banking and in the development of the oil fields and his investments have been judiciously made.

On the 27th of June, 1906, in Carlinville, Illinois, Dr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Ryder Burton, A. B., R. N., a daughter of Frank W. Burton, an eminent lawyer and jurist, and of Anna (Robertson) Burton. To Dr. and Mrs. Harris has been born a son, Burton, whose birth occurred September 3, 1907.

In his political views Dr. Harris is a democrat, having supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking and the only public positions which he has held have been in the strict path of his profession. Since 1910 he has been a member of the Wyoming state board of health, of which he was president, a fact that indicates his high professional standing. He is also city physician and county health officer of Basin and Bighorn county, respectively, and he is the president of the Bighorn County Library Association. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, while along strictly professional lines he is identified with the Northwestern Wyoming Medical Society, of which he was one time

the president; the Wyoming State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons. Holding to the highest professional standards, he has made his work of great value and benefit to his fellow-men, and colleagues and contemporaries speak of him in terms of the highest regard.

THOMAS A. JAMES.

It is a trite saying that there is always room at the top, but few men really seem to comprehend just what this means, or else they lack the ambition to put forth the persistent effort that leads to success. Since starting upon his business career, however, Thomas A. James has steadily progressed and the steps in his orderly advancement are easily discernible. He has made wise use of his time, his talents and his opportunities. His entire career has been characterized by devotion to the duties entrusted to him and in later years by a most wise and careful use of the opportunities that have come to him. It is these qualities which have brought him to the presidency of the Superior Lumber Company of Rock Springs, in which connection he is controlling business interests of considerable extent and importance. He is a western man by birth, by training and preference and in his life displays the enterprising spirit which has always been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the great empire west of the Mississippi.

He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 12, 1865, and is a son of Thomas J. James, who was a native of Wales and in 1856 left that little rock-ribbed country to become a resident of America. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but immediately emigrated to the western section of the country, traveling overland by wagon train and becoming one of the pioneers of Utah. He was a carpenter and builder, and followed his trade successfully in that state throughout the remainder of his life, being called to his final rest in Salt Lake City in 1914, when he had reached the venerable age of seventy-nine years. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Elizabeth Newton, was a native of England, having been born in Manchester. She came to the new world with her parents during the latter part of the '50s and they also settled in Salt Lake City, where she formed the acquaintance of Thomas J. James, who sought her hand in marriage. To them were born nine children, of whom Thomas A. is the eldest. Mrs. James passed away many years before the death of her husband, departing this life in 1882, at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years.

Thomas A. James acquired his education in the public schools and his thorough training well qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. Facing the business world, he turned to the trade which had occupied the attention and energies of his father, serving an apprenticeship at carpentering and after mastering the business working as a journeyman for some time. He advanced in that connection until he was made foreman by the Union Pacific Railway Coal Company and continued to serve in that way for a period of twenty years. It is well known that those who remain in the employ of a large corporation for an extended period are possessed of excellent qualifications for the position which they occupy, and that Mr. James was with the Union Pacific for two decades is indicative of his ability, fidelity and efficiency. He became a citizen of Rock Springs, September 16, 1885, and with the exception of a period of two years has resided in the city continuously since. It was during 1904 and 1905 that he made his home in Cassia county, Idaho, where he was engaged in farming. At the end of that time, however, he sold his land there and returned to Rock Springs. In 1907, in connection with Victor Smith, Mr. James entered the lumber business and established what was then known as the Smith-James Lumber Company. This was a partnership concern and the business was thus continued for three years, at the end of which time it was incorporated under the style of the Superior Lumber Company, with Mr. James as the president and general manager. From

the beginning their patronage has steadily increased and the business of the company is today very extensive and gratifying. They have now gained a place of leadership among the prominent lumber concerns of Sweetwater county.

At Rock Springs, in 1890, Mr. James was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Syme, a native of Scotland and a daughter of James and Margaret (Holden) Syme, who were early settlers of Rock Springs, where they took up their abode in 1882. Her father is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. James have been born six children, of whom five are still living: Thomas Irvin; Viola, who was born in Rock Springs, September 15, 1895; Cecil, whose birth occurred in Rock Springs, March 14, 1900; Edwin James, who was born in Rock Springs, May 1, 1905; and Leah, born in Rock Springs, February 1, 1911. The eldest child of the family died in infancy.

Mr. James exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has been an active worker in its ranks. He has served as a member of the city council for three terms and has utilized his official prerogatives to advance many interests of public concern and benefit. He stands at all times for those interests which are of most worth in the civic life of the community. He belongs to the Church of the Latter-Day Saints and is one of its presiding elders. Thoroughness characterizes him in all that he does and it has been by reason of his close application and unfaltering enterprise in business that he has steadily advanced. Shakespeare has said, "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." That Mr. James recognized the opportune moment is indicated by his growing success and as the years have passed on he has steadily progressed until he is now one of the leading representatives of the lumber trade in his section of the state, controlling important interests as the president of the Superior Lumber Company.

EDWARD W. STONE.

Edward W. Stone, the efficient and popular mayor of Cheyenne, whose administration is actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general good, ranks, too, as a self-made man in the acquirement of business advancement and success. He was born in Belpre, Ohio, in February, 1862, a son of Loring and Johanna Stone. He acquired a common school education and afterward spent some time as a student in Oberlin College of Ohio, but the lure of the west was upon him and, hoping to find better opportunities and advantages in this new and growing section of the country, he made his way to Wyoming in 1884, arriving in Cheyenne on the 1st of January. He sought a place in which to build his fortune, anxiously ever looking to the future. He secured employment with J. S. Collins & Company in the harness and saddlery business and remained with that house for several years. He was afterward in the employ of A. D. Kelley, a grocer of Cheyenne, and some time later entered into partnership with Pitt Convert and purchased the business of Mr. Kelley, which they conducted for a number of years but eventually sold out, having in the meantime won a substantial measure of success in that undertaking. In fact, they had one of the large and well appointed grocery stores of the city and enjoyed a gratifying patronage. On disposing of the grocery store Mr. Stone aided in the organization of the Citizens National Bank, which was incorporated in 1906 and of which he became the cashier. He served in that capacity until 1917, when he was elected to the vice presidency of the bank and is now its second executive officer. The bank has steadily prospered and expanded and is today one of the strong financial institutions of the state. Mr. Stone, as cashier and vice president, has contributed much to this result. He is thoroughly conversant with every phase of the banking business and from the outset recognized the fact that the bank is most worthy of patronage which most carefully safeguards the interests of its depos-



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itors. His progressiveness therefore has been tempered by a wise conservatism that has produced excellent results.

In 1888, at Belpre, Ohio, Mr. Stone was united in marriage to Miss Mary Harrison, a daughter of Captain Jack Harrison, a steamboat man.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Stone is a Knight of Pythias and has filled various offices in the local lodge and has also served as grand chancellor of the state. He is likewise a prominent Mason, connected with both rites, having attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Moreover, the honorary thirty-third degree has been conferred upon him. He has filled most of the chairs in the order and has been a most earnest worker in its behalf. Possessing a retentive memory, he has been able to easily acquaint himself with the various rituals and forms of work, so that in an official position he has been most efficient. Mr. Stone is a member of the Country Club and also of the Commercial Club of Cheyenne. He is fond of fishing and outdoor sports but never allows such things to interfere with his business duties nor the faithful performance of official service which he has undertaken.

In politics he is an earnest republican and at the first election after the admission of the state he was chosen county treasurer of Laramie county. He was later elected to the state senate and subsequently was again chosen to represent his district in the upper house of the general assembly and twice acted as president of the senate. In the fall of 1917 he was elected mayor of Cheyenne, which position he is now filling, and his administration is one which is giving uniform satisfaction. As an assemblyman he gave the most thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement and lent the weight of his aid and influence to many progressive measures.

He is a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term. He has essentially formulated and given shape to his own character. While he has prospered in his business career, he has not made the attainment of material success the sole end and aim of life. On the contrary, he has ever been cognizant of his duties toward his fellowmen and to the community at large, and patriotism has been one of his marked characteristics—a patriotism that has been manifest in tangible effort for the general good. He is widely known throughout the state, his friends are many and he is honored and respected by all. The record of few men in public life in Cheyenne has extended over a longer period and none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation.

B. V. KOONTZ.

The machinery of government must be carefully controlled if public stability is to be maintained and progress augmented. Among those who have been chosen to handle the public interests of Washakie county is B. V. Koontz, now filling the office of sheriff, and his record in that position is characterized by the utmost fearlessness and capability in the discharge of his duties.

A native of North Carolina, he was born on the 14th of April, 1878, and is a son of John and Cornelia (Colvard) Koontz, both of whom were natives of North Carolina, in which state they are still living. They became the parents of a family of eleven children, eight of whom survive.

B. V. Koontz passed the period of his youth in North Carolina and acquired his education in its public schools. In fact, he continued his residence in the Old North state until 1905, at which time he had reached the age of twenty-seven years. He then determined to try his fortune in the west and made his way to Wyoming, settling first in Sheridan county. In 1906 he arrived in Washakie county, where he has since lived, and during the intervening period his fellow townsmen have come to regard him as one of the valued and representative citizens of his part of the state. In 1916 he was elected to the office of sheriff and

is now acting in that capacity, making a most creditable record by the prompt and systematic manner in which he discharges his duties. He is also interested in oil lands in Wyoming and is actively connected with the cattle business, and in addition he owns eighty acres of irrigated land in the state.

Mr. Koontz has always voted with the democratic party and is a firm believer in its principles. When not in office, however, he has given the major part of his time and attention to business affairs and investments and whatever success he has achieved is the direct and merited reward of his own labors. He came to the west with little capital and is today the owner of valuable interests in Washakie county. He has made wise use of his time and opportunities and the careful direction of his business interests and investments has been one of the strong and salient features in winning for him his present day substantial success.

JOSEPH IREDALE.

Among those men who have been factors in the substantial growth and steady development of Rock Springs and of Wyoming, none have perhaps manifested a more active or helpful interest in the work of general improvement than Joseph Iredale, who is engaged in the automobile and garage business but who never fails to find time to advance general interests, cooperating heartily in all those plans which have to do with the benefit and upbuilding of city or state.

He was born in Maryport, England, August 3, 1860, a son of John and Matilda (Cooper) Iredale, who were also natives of that country, whence they came to America with their family in 1870 and settled in Stark county, Ohio, near Canton, where the father took up the business of steam engineering. He was a close personal friend of Major William McKinley, afterward president of the United States. Mr. Iredale continued a resident of Ohio for several years and later became a resident of Iowa and of Kansas, while in 1878 he removed to Carbon county, Wyoming. He always followed the business of steam engineering, being active along that line until his death. He passed away in Rock Springs in 1906, at the age of sixty-seven years. In the family were six sons and four daughters, of whom Joseph Iredale was the eldest.

In the public schools of Ohio, Joseph Iredale pursued his education and later took up the machinist's trade, which he learned under the supervision of his father and grandfather, gaining expert knowledge along that line. His father had served an apprenticeship under Archibald Cooper, the maternal grandfather of Joseph Iredale and a well known locomotive engineer of that day who had come to America in 1860. After mastering his trade Mr. Iredale continued to work along that line in Ohio and in Wyoming. He came with his father to Carbon county, this state, and later was employed in the Union Pacific machine shops at Rawlins but in 1882 took up his abode at Rock Springs, where he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Coal Company as engineer in the machine shops, continuing to act in that capacity until 1906. He resigned his position to accept the postmastership at Rock Springs and he filled the office from 1906 until 1915. He then resigned and established himself in the automobile and garage business, conducting his interests under the name of the Iredale Garage, which is now the leading establishment of the kind in Rock Springs. He has built up a business of large and substantial proportions, having a well equipped plant, and his trade has steadily increased as the years have gone by.

In 1887 Mr. Iredale was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Paterson, of Rock Springs, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Paterson, who were pioneers of Rock Springs, where the father is still living at the age of eighty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Iredale have become parents of three children: Fulton C., who was born in Rock Springs in 1892 and was graduated from the public schools, is now a thorough auto machinist and is in business with his father. Hazel, born in Rock Springs in 1894, was graduated from the public schools and the

University of Wyoming and is now the wife of O. C. Johnson, a resident of Laramie. Lucille, born in Rock Springs in 1895, is a high school graduate and is the wife of F. A. Carlson.

Politically Mr. Iredale is a republican and is recognized as one of the leaders in the local ranks of his party and in fact has had much influence over political thought and action in the state. For three terms he has been a member of the state legislature and for two terms has represented his district in the state senate. As a member of the general assembly he has given the most thoughtful and earnest consideration to all vital questions coming up for settlement and has lent the weight of his aid and influence to all those measures which he has believed of benefit to the state and has opposed with equal firmness and determination all interests which he has deemed ill advised legislation. In community affairs his labors, too, have constituted important elements of public progress and improvement. For eight years he was chief of the Rock Springs volunteer fire department and he is now president of the Rock Springs school board.

His life record is a splendid illustration of the fact that no matter what the advantages or opportunities one has in youth, he must essentially formulate, determine and give shape to his own character. This Mr. Iredale has done and with the passing years his developing powers have brought him to a position of leadership not only in the business circles of his adopted city but in connection with the public interests of the state, and at all times he stands for progress and improvement, his devotion to the general good being an unquestioned fact in his career.

HON. JOHN MCGILL.

Hon. John McGill, of Laramie, was one of the well known pioneer settlers of Wyoming familiar with every phase of frontier life. He was for a long period a well known cattleman of southern Wyoming but afterward lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil until death claimed him, March 15, 1918.

He was born in Lennoxshire, Scotland, July 16, 1846, a son of Quintin and Jessie (Allen) McGill, who were natives of the land of hills and heather, where they spent their entire lives, the father devoting his attention to the iron working trade. They passed away in Scotland at an advanced age after rearing a family of eight children.

John McGill, who was the eldest of that family, pursued his education in the public schools of Scotland and remained a resident of that country until he reached the age of twenty years, when, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to Canada, where he was employed in various lines of business at several points in Canada until 1868. In May of that year he crossed the border into the United States and made his way westward to Cheyenne, Wyoming, since which time he was a resident of this state. For a time he was in the employ of Sprague, Davis & Company, engaged in the manufacture of ties for the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and he continued in that line of work for about ten years. At the end of that time he established a ranch on the Big Laramie and turned his attention to stock raising, including cattle and sheep, in which business he continued successfully until he sold out in 1915. In the meantime he had become one of the leading cattlemen of his section of the state, having large herds, and his business affairs were wisely and successfully conducted. As the years went on his financial resources increased as the result of close application and the intelligent direction of his labors and investments and thus he came into possession of a handsome competence that enabled him to retire. He removed to Laramie and purchased property, and there he then made his home. He was a director of the Albany County National Bank and all his investments were most judiciously placed.

On August 25, 1875, in Laramie, Wyoming, Mr. McGill was united in marriage



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to Helen Patrick Owens, who passed away November 23, 1902, leaving four children. Thomas A., who resides in Albany county, is very successfully conducting a cattle ranch. He married Nora Rose Dodge and has three children, Mary Helen, Eva Agnes and Owens Dodge, the last born in May, 1917. The second in the family, Margaret Owens, is now Mrs. William Irvine, her husband being a successful ranchman of Albany county. Jessie A. is the widow of Oscar C. Soward, of Laramie, and has two children, Hortense Helen and Ida Margaret. Helen Owens, who completes this family, resides at home. On December 6, 1905, in Laramie, Mr. McGill was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Fannie M. Settele, widow of Louis P. Settele and a daughter of James Marsh, who was the first lessee of the Wyoming state penitentiary. The demise of Mrs. Fannie M. McGill occurred February 25, 1910, and she left two children, Frances Elizabeth and John Quintin. The present Mrs. McGill previous to her marriage on October 14, 1914, was Miss Emma Bear, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bear, of Fulton, Illinois.

In politics Mr. McGill maintained an independent course. His value as a citizen was widely recognized and again and again he was called upon to serve in positions of public honor and trust. He was a member of the last territorial council and for six terms he represented his district in the state senate, being a member of the first state senate after Wyoming's admission into the Union. He gave careful consideration to the vital questions which came up for settlement and left the impress of his individuality for good upon many measures which had to do with the welfare and progress of the state. He served as president of the senate one term and was a member of the constitutional convention. For twelve years he filled the office of county commissioner and exercised his right of franchise in that connection for the benefit of his county in ways that have been most resultant and beneficial. Up to the time of his death he served as tax commissioner. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and he was a Mason having attained high rank in the Scottish Rite, belonging to the consistory. He was also a member of the Mystic Shrine and his life was a most faithful exposition of the teachings and purposes of the craft. As one of the pioneer settlers of Wyoming, Mr. McGill was widely known. He left home when a young man of twenty years without capital and became one of the prosperous residents of his adopted state. There was no phase of the pioneer development of this section of the state with which he was not familiar and his reminiscences of the early days were interesting, covering the period when Wyoming was largely an open range and the cattlemen still rode at will over the country. He lived to witness remarkable changes as the years passed and he profited by conditions, wisely using his time, talents and opportunities until he became one of the well-to-do men of Laramie, honored and respected by all who knew him by reason of an upright life.

With Mr. McGill, who passed to the great beyond March 15, 1918, there went to his reward one of those men whose life history was part of the history of his state and community. He not only wrought for himself, but he labored for the benefit of others and he left his impress for good upon the annals of his commonwealth. He died in Denver, Colorado, while undergoing a surgical operation and his death was a shock to his family which is hard for them to bear. Expressive of the high esteem in which Mr. McGill was generally held is an editorial which appeared one day after his demise, March 16, 1918, in the Laramie Republican and which is appended to this sketch in full. The Laramie Republican writes of Mr. McGill's achievements and virtues as a citizen as follows:

"The death of Hon. John McGill has removed one of Wyoming's foremost citizens. During almost half a century he has been a conspicuous figure in the public life of the state. Born in Scotland and descending from sturdy stock of that rugged country, he was a man of iron. Sickness rarely troubled him and the doctors found him a poor customer. When he decided to change his residence to America his first choice was the old and forbidding climate of Nova Scotia. Later he decided to take up his residence in Wyoming, settling at Tie Siding, where he

swung the axe and worked in the timber. From this employment he turned to ranching, taking up land some forty miles north of Laramie, and there he raised his family, giving much of his time and his energy to matters pertaining to the public welfare.

"As a private citizen his life was incorruptible. He was a good husband and a kind father. His neighbors profited by his example and precept. He aided them in their private affairs and in the transaction of their public business. In turn, they called upon him to represent them in various official positions. He served them as member of the legislature in several sessions. He was a county commissioner and as such stood for economy and the wiping out of the county debt. During his service on the county board taxation was kept low and the people got value for every dollar expended.

"Perhaps John McGill's greatest work was done in the legislature, where he served both in the house and senate. As senator he conducted Albany county's side of the controversy over the location of the agricultural college and never yielded an inch of the rights that he believed belonged to our people. On one occasion the representatives of Fremont county carried the bill for the location of the college at Lander clear through the house and it was up for consideration in the senate when Mr. McGill moved its indefinite postponement at an opportune time and it was killed.

"Mr. McGill was the author of the anti-gambling law and was always found in keen opposition to vice and immorality.

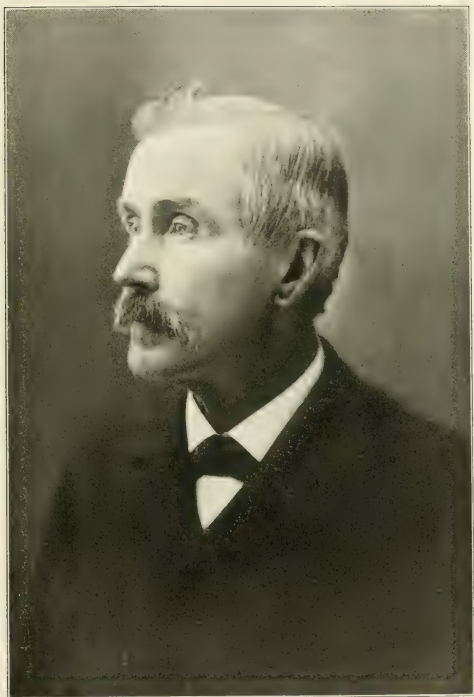
"In the early years of his residence in Wyoming he was an ardent supporter of the republican party, but in the later years of his life became estranged from that party and accepted office at the hands of the democratic administration, being first appointed to the position of state tax commissioner by Governor Joseph M. Carey in 1911. He was reappointed by Governor Kendrick in 1915 and was holding the position at the time of his death. He was an advocate of equality in taxation and at all times used his official power to bring about a level rate of taxation among all the counties.

"His life work was the stock business, in which he was eminently successful in the management of both cattle and sheep. He had the faculty of making wise investment of his surplus and was largely interested in the Albany County National Bank and the First State Bank of this city. He leaves an ample fortune to his heirs and the priceless legacy of a sterling character."

F. H. HARRISON, M. D.

Dr. F. H. Harrison is today the oldest physician in Wyoming in years of continuous connection with the medical profession. He practices at Evanston, where he has remained since 1872. He has not only been identified with the science of medicine and surgery, however, for as a pioneer he has been active in many of these movements which have led to the upbuilding and development of the state. He is familiar with all phases of Indian warfare and with all phases of frontier life and the history of Wyoming is to him an open book, for he has been a most active participant in events which figure most prominently in its annals.

He was born in Toronto, Canada, April 2, 1842, and is a son of William and Mary (O'Connor) Harrison. The father was a native of England and in his boyhood days made the voyage across the briny deep to Canada, settling near Toronto, where he engaged in farming, there maintaining his residence until his death, which occurred in 1849, when his son, Dr. Harrison, was a little lad of but seven years. The mother was born in Wexford, Ireland, and in childhood became a resident of Canada, where she was married and continued to reside until called to the home beyond in 1904. She had at that time reached the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey. In the family were five children, of whom



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one daughter died at the age of sixteen years. The others are: William, who is living in Brampton, Canada; John, also located at Brampton; and Nicholas, who still lives in Canada.

The other member of the family is Dr. F. H. Harrison, of this review, who in his youthful days was a pupil in the public schools of Canada and afterward took up the study of medicine in New York city, matriculating in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1866. His collegiate training was comprehensive and thorough, and thus well equipped for professional duties, he made his way westward to Colorado, crossing the plains with team and wagon. He took up his abode at Gilpin, where he remained for a year and a half, and in November, 1867, he removed to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he practiced for a short time. He was afterward with the Union Pacific grading camps in his professional capacity and continued with the road until the line was extended to Evanston. He then went to the South Pass mines, where he followed mining for two and a half years, but in 1872 returned to Evanston, where he has since been in constant practice. Entering upon professional duties in this state in 1867, he is today the oldest physician in Wyoming. Through the intervening period of a half century he has kept in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress, acquainting himself with those discoveries which scientific investigation has brought to light. He is a well informed physician and one thoroughly skilled in all departments of medical and surgical practice. In the early days he went through all the experiences that come to the frontier physician. He fought in many of the Indian wars and was with the posse in the Wind River campaign, in which Black Bear, the chief of the Arapahoes, was killed. The summer's sun and winter's cold could not deter him from the faithful performance of his duties and at times he would ride for miles and miles over wind swept districts, facing the storms of winter, yet he never hesitated when his professional service was needed. He belongs to the Wyoming State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Aside from his active connection with the profession he has also extended his efforts into other fields and is now president of the Evanston National Bank, president of the Evanston Drug Company, a director of the Evanston Electric Light Company and president of the Harrison Stock Growing Company of Uinta County. In business affairs he has displayed sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise and his cooperation with any project has constituted an element in its growing success.

On the 1st of January, 1875, Dr. Harrison was married to Miss Mary Creed, of Evanston, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Creed, formerly of Dixon, Illinois. They have become the parents of three children who are still living and lost one son, James Francis, who died in 1914 at the age of thirty-seven years, while acting as manager of the Evanston Drug Company. Those who survive are: Mary, who was born in Evanston in 1880 and is a graduate of the high school and of the Notre Dame Academy at South Bend, Indiana; Helena, who was born in Evanston in 1884 and is a graduate of the high school of that city; and Frederick William, who was born in 1889 and is also a graduate of the Evanston high school. He is now in business with his father.

Dr. Harrison is connected through fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Masons. In the latter organization he has taken the degrees of lodge, chapter and commandery. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he has several times been called upon to serve in positions of honor and trust. For four years he filled the office of county commissioner and for six years was county treasurer of Uinta county. For one term he served in the second territorial legislature and at all times his aid and influence have been given on the side of right, progress, reform and improvement. He is today one of the most valued and prominent citizens of Wyoming, standing very high in professional circles, and no story could contain more exciting or interesting chapters than could be found in the life record of Dr. Harrison if space would permit this to be written in detail. His memory goes back to the time when this entire region was but sparsely settled, when the Indians were more numerous

than the white men, when the land had not been reclaimed for the purposes of civilization but remained in the primitive condition in which it came from the hand of nature. His life activities constitute a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present and no history of Wyoming would be complete without his record.

S. C. VANSKIKE.

Throughout most of his life S. C. Vanskike has been identified with the banking business and is now assistant cashier of the Bank of Glenrock at Glenrock, Wyoming. He is a native of Nebraska, his birth having occurred in Greeley county, March 2, 1889, his parents being Charles and Carrie (Scott) Vanskike. The father was a native of Indiana, while the mother was born in Nebraska, where they are still living. They have become the parents of seven children, six of whom survive.

S. C. Vanskike spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and began his education at the usual age as a pupil in the common schools of Scotia, Nebraska, there passing through consecutive grades to the high school, while subsequently he became a college student and thus was well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. When his textbooks were put aside he turned his attention to the banking business, which he followed in Scotia, Nebraska, until August, 1917, when he removed to Glenrock to become assistant cashier of the Bank of Glenrock.

The bank was organized on the 5th of June, 1917, with A. A. Spaugh as the president and was capitalized for fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. Vanskike brought broad experience to bear in the performance of his present duties and his efforts are contributing to the growing success of the institution, which has already become well established on a firm and substantial basis. He is a courteous and obliging official, doing everything in his power to please the patrons of the bank to a point that will not hazard the interests of the institution.

In 1910 Mr. Vanskike was united in marriage to Miss Ella Sautter and to them have been born two children, Cecil and Zola M.

Mr. Vanskike belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and to the Royal Neighbors. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have already won many warm friends during the period of their residence in Wyoming and he is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the business circles of Converse county.

FRANK G. ABEL.

Frank G. Abel is sole proprietor of the Kemmerer Cigar Factory and is one of the representative business men of Lincoln county. He was born in Newport, Kentucky, December 17, 1859, a son of the late Henry Abel, a native of Germany, who came to America in the early '50s, settling in Newport, Kentucky, where he engaged in the manufacture of horseshoe nails. He was quite successful in the conduct of that industry and remained an active factor in the business circles of Newport throughout his remaining days. He passed away in 1884, at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife died at the age of fifty-three years. She bore the maiden name of Sophie River and was a native of Germany, coming with her husband to the United States. Their family numbered five children, of whom Frank G. was the third in order of birth.

In the public schools of his native city Frank G. Abel pursued his education and when a youth of fourteen began earning his living, serving an apprenticeship at the

cigar maker's trade. He afterward followed that pursuit as a journeyman for a number of years. He came to Wyoming on the 17th of April, 1914, and established his present business at Kemmerer and is today conducting the only cigar manufacturing establishment in Lincoln county. He manufactures on an average of ten thousand cigars per month and confines his attention to the local trade. His chief brand is called the "Lincoln County Booster." He maintains the highest standards of excellence in the processes of his manufacture and that the factory is conducted along modern scientific and sanitary lines is indicated in the fact that he welcomes visitors at all times, allowing them to fully inspect the work that is being carried on. From the beginning his trade has shown a steady and satisfactory increase and is still growing.

On the 17th of December, 1911, Mr. Abel was united in marriage at Ogden, Utah, to Miss Hattie Baer, a native of Peru, Indiana. Politically Mr. Abel is a democrat where national questions and issues are involved but casts an independent local ballot, supporting the men whom he regards as best qualified for the offices they seek. Fraternally he is connected with the Order of Owls. He concentrates his time and attention largely upon his business affairs and by capable management, close application and indefatigable energy has won a gratifying measure of prosperity.

HON. JACOB M. SCHWOOB.

Hon. Jacob M. Schwoob is a resident of Cody, where he is well known as vice president and manager of the Cody Trading Company, but his interests have been far from local. Although he was the first treasurer of the town of Cody and its mayor, he has also been a most important factor in shaping the history of the state, and served most ably and creditably in the council chambers of the commonwealth, taking active part in the business transacted through legislative enactment. His course has ever been above suspicion. The good of the state he placed before partisanship and the welfare of his constituents before personal aggrandizement. He always commanded the respect of the members of the house and senate, and at home, where he is best known, he inspires personal friendships of unusual strength, all who know him having for him the highest admiration by reason of his good qualities of heart and mind.

Mr. Schwoob is of Canadian birth. He was born on the 8th of July, 1874, in Wellandport, Ontario, Canada, a son of William H. and Elizabeth (Steward) Schwoob. He was educated in the public schools of St. Thomas and in the collegiate institute of that place, after which he became identified with the hotel business in Buffalo, New York, where he remained from 1892 until 1898. In 1897 he became a naturalized American citizen.

It was in October, 1898, that Mr. Schwoob became a resident of Cody, where he embarked in merchandising as a partner in the Cody Trading Company, of which he became manager. This is one of the most important mercantile enterprises of the state, conducting an extensive business which is wisely directed through the management and control of Mr. Schwoob, who is a man of keen discernment, of sound judgment and of indefatigable energy. His plans are always well defined and take cognizance of both the incidental and accidental circumstances of a case as well as its more important features. He therefore knew what to eliminate and what to retain and in thus discriminating between the essential and the non-essential he has carried his interests forward to notable success. He also became interested in promoting irrigation projects, including the Lakeview Irrigation Company of the south fork of the Shoshone river.

Mr. Schwoob is perhaps even more widely known through his official connections than in business life. He was called to office in Wyoming when elected the first treasurer of the town of Cody in 1900. In 1903 he was chosen mayor of the city for a two years' term and in 1905 he was elected from Bighorn



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county to the Wyoming state senate, where he was continued by reelection for eight years. He was president of the senate in 1911. In the session of 1909, Mr. Schwoob and Charles E. Hayden, as well as D. E. Hallister and Dr. W. S. Bennett, created Park county, Wyoming, carrying through the house and senate the bill which resulted in the organization of the county.

Fraternally Mr. Schwoob is well known as a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Wyoming consistory, the Knight Templar degree in the commandery, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and he is regarded, by reason of his business associations, his political activity and his fraternal connections, as one of the foremost men of the Big Horn country.

PALMER J. BLACK.

Business enterprise and commercial stability find expression in the life record of Palmer J. Black, who is the president and manager of the P. J. Black Lumber Company of Cheyenne. His business affairs are always wisely and sagaciously directed and his efforts are attended with a substantial measure of success that has made him one of the well-to-do residents of Laramie county.

He was born in Windsor, Nova Scotia, on the 18th of February, 1857, and is a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Black. The father was a farmer by occupation and in following that pursuit provided for the support of his family, which numbered five sons and two daughters.

Palmer J. Black, who was the third in order of birth, acquired his education in the public schools of Windsor but put aside his textbooks at the age of fifteen years in order to learn the carpenter's trade. In 1873 he crossed the border into the United States and took up his abode in Boston, Massachusetts, where he worked at carpentering for about nine years, or until 1882. He then removed to the west, being attracted by its boundless opportunities, and locating in Cheyenne, he again worked at the carpenter's trade for a decade, being thus employed from 1882 until 1892. He then began contracting and building, in which business he was active until 1901, and during that period he erected various substantial structures of the city which have added much to its improved condition. In 1901 he purchased the business of the Hurd Lumber Company, which he conducted under the firm style of Black & Clark from 1901 until 1904. He then established the P. J. Black Lumber Company in 1905 and incorporated the business in 1913, since which time he has been president and manager. This company not only conducts a large and profitable business at Cheyenne, but has also established a branch yard at Grover, Colorado, that is now managed by a son of Mr. Black.

On the 14th of April, 1883, occurred the marriage of Palmer J. Black and Miss Leonora B. Meese. They have two children, Norman R. and C. Arthur, the latter his father's associate in business. There is also one grandchild.

In religious faith Mr. Black is a Congregationalist. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has been an active and earnest worker in its ranks, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. He served as a member of the Wyoming house of representatives from 1895 until 1897 and was a member of the Wyoming state senate from 1897 until 1901 and again from 1903 until 1911, so that through an extended period he has been closely associated with the legislative interests of Wyoming and has had much to do with the enactment of various beneficial laws. Fraternally Mr. Black is a Mason. He has taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, having been identified with Wyoming consistory since 1886, and he is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise has membership with

the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a most public-spirited citizen, one that subordinates partisan interests to the public good and self-aggrandizement to the welfare of the community. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, esteem him highly as a man of genuine worth. He is distinctively a man of affairs, outside of business interests, and has wielded a wide influence, being numbered among the directors of public thought and action in his state.

RIGHT REV. PATRICK A. MCGOVERN.

Right Rev. Patrick A. McGovern, bishop of Cheyenne, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, October 14, 1872, a son of Patrick and Alice (McGearty) McGovern. Accorded liberal educational advantages, he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree from Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska, with the class of 1891. Having determined upon the priesthood as a life work, he completed his theological course in Mount St. Mary's Seminary at Cincinnati, Ohio, and took holy orders in 1895. He at once entered upon the active work of the church, being assigned to duty as priest of St. Philomen's cathedral at Omaha, his native parish. There he remained from 1898 until 1907, when he took charge of St. Peter's church in Omaha, continuing to officiate in that parish until 1912.

Bishop McGovern was also prominent in connection with many civic affairs during that period and was especially active as a member of the board of directors of the Associated Charities. He was appointed by Pope Pius X to preside over the diocese of Cheyenne, being made bishop on the 18th of January, 1912. He was consecrated on the 11th of April of that year and is now directing the interests of the church in Wyoming, where his labors are being attended with excellent results. He has studied the problems of the church from every possible standpoint and his directing hand has led to the substantial growth and development of the church in the many communities which come under his jurisdiction.

A very interesting and exhaustive article on the history of the diocese has been furnished through the kindness of Bishop McGovern and appears in another part of this work.

EDWARD T. STOREY.

Edward T. Storey, until recently filling the position of office manager with the P. J. Black Lumber Company, but now city commissioner of Cheyenne, is one of Wyoming's native sons and the spirit of western enterprise is manifest in his career.

He was born in Laramie, this state, July 2, 1887, a son of William and Anna (Smith) Storey. His father and mother were married in Laramie in 1883. The former has engaged in railroad work and is still active in railroad service, with which he has been connected for thirty-five years. The mother is also living and has reared a family of six sons, of whom Edward T. of this review is the second in order of birth.

In the public schools Edward T. Storey began his education and attended the Cheyenne high school. He then attended and was graduated from the Cheyenne Business College, having completed the course with the class of 1906. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad Company in a clerical capacity for a time and afterward was engaged in the United States government survey work in the summer of 1907, aiding in making the boundary line northward. In the fall of 1908 he became connected with the Union Pacific Coal Company and was thus associated for a year, after which he accepted the position as office manager with the P. J. Black Lumber Company. He filled this responsible position until



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recently making himself thoroughly familiar with the work of the office and capably directing the interests under his control. He now acts as city commissioner, his former varied experiences well qualifying him for the onerous duties of the position.

In religious faith Mr. Storey is a Catholic and he has attained the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler. In politics he is a democrat and has been elected to the office of city commissioner by the largest vote ever given a candidate to that position. He enjoys outdoor life, especially hunting and fishing, but he allows nothing to interfere with the faithful performance of his official duties. He is widely known in Cheyenne and his record as a man and citizen commends him to the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been associated.

ANDREW McMICKEN.

Andrew McMicken is recognized as one of the distinguished representatives of the Wyoming bar, practicing at Rawlins. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than that of the law and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, a more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights. Unflagging application and intuitive wisdom and determination to fully utilize the means at hand are the concomitants which insure personal success and prestige in this great profession, which stands as a stern conservator of justice; and it is one into which none should enter without a recognition of the obstacles to be overcome and the battles to be won, for success does not perch on the fortune of every person who enters the competitive fray, but comes only as the direct result of capacity and unmistakable ability. Possessing all the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Andrew McMicken has made for himself a prominent place at the Wyoming bar, practicing now as senior partner in the firm of McMicken & McMicken of Rawlins, successors to the firm of McMicken & Blydenburg.

He was born on McMicken avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 13, 1851, a son of the late Andrew McMicken, a prominent lawyer and banker of that city and a direct descendant of Charles McMicken, who settled in Cincinnati in 1732, when the city was but a tiny village. The McMicken family is of Scotch origin and was early founded in Pennsylvania. Representatives of the name participated in the Revolutionary war with the American army and the family became one of distinction and prominence in Pennsylvania and in Ohio. Andrew McMicken, Sr., was married April 20, 1844, to Anna R. McDowell, a daughter of Joseph J. McDowell, a leading citizen of Cincinnati and member of congress, in which he served for two terms. His father was a Revolutionary war soldier and member of the Continental Congress and belonged to a distinguished family of Fairfax county, Virginia, of Scotch descent. The McDowells were extensive planters and large slaveholders in the Old Dominion. The McMicken family has ever been characterized by marked patriotism and loyalty. During the Mexican war Andrew McMicken, Sr., organized a company, of which he became major, but the company was not accepted for active service. He passed away in 1893 and his wife, Mrs. Anna R. McMicken, died at Westwood, Ohio, in 1890 at the age of sixty-six years and was laid to rest in Spring Grove cemetery, where so many members of the McMicken family are buried. A very prominent member of the family was Charles McMicken, granduncle of Andrew McMicken of this review, one of Cincinnati's wealthy and well known philanthropists, the founder of McMicken University, now the University of Cincinnati. Upon his death he endowed this institution with the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars, an enormous amount in those frugal times of the past. He was so deeply imbued with

the importance of the cause of education that he even sent educators to Liberia to establish schools in that country to teach the natives. The city of Cincinnati erected in his honor a monument at a cost of ten thousand dollars, which was placed in the Spring Grove cemetery, where his remains were interred and where all of his ancestors are buried. It was a public recognition of the value of his contribution to the general welfare and upbuilding of his city, where he exerted a marked influence over many events that have left their impress upon the history of that community. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McMicken, Sr., were born nine children, of whom four have departed this life, while the living are: Mrs. Benjamin P. Runkle, widow of the late Benjamin P. Runkle, a noted Civil war commander, who resided in Highland county, Ohio, where Mrs. Runkle still makes her home; Andrew, of this review; Mary, the wife of William M. Strowbridge, of Cincinnati; and Jennie, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Strowbridge; and Lucy Belle Hine, of Portland, Oregon.

Andrew McMicken pursued his education in Jameson's private academy at Keokuk, Iowa, and spent two years in study at Princeton before entering the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated with the LL. B. degree as a member of the class of 1872. He entered upon the practice of his chosen profession at Atchison, Kansas, where he remained for several years, and then returned to Cincinnati, where he entered the county prosecutor's office as an assistant. He spent four years in that connection, at the end of which time ill health prompted him to resign and he sought a change of climate, returning to the west. For eight years he was engaged in the cattle business, spending much of his time on the trail and on the range, and in the outdoor life fully recovered his health. He came to Wyoming in 1881, arriving in Rawlins on the 5th of March, and through the intervening period to 1889 became thoroughly familiar with every phase of ranch life. He then reentered upon the practice of law, in which profession he has since been continuously and successfully engaged. For a considerable period he practiced in connection with Judge Blydenburg as a member of the firm of McMicken & Blydenburg, but at the present time is senior partner in the firm of McMicken & McMicken. While he was well grounded in the principles of common law when admitted to the bar, he has continued through the whole of his professional line a diligent student of those elementary principles that constitute the basis of all legal science and this knowledge has served him well in many a legal battle before the superior and appellate courts, where he has successfully conducted many cases. He always prepares his cases with great care. If there is a close legal point involved in the issue it is his habit to thoroughly examine every authority within his reach bearing upon the question and this makes him a most dangerous adversary. When he comes to the discussion of the most intricate questions before the court it is perhaps then that his greatest powers as a lawyer show to the best advantage. With a thorough knowledge of the subjects he discusses and of the legal principles applicable to them, his addresses before the courts are models of clearness and logic.

Mr. McMicken has always affiliated with the democratic party and is of the Jeffersonian type. He has ever taken an active part in support of the principles in which he believes and is regarded as one of the party's councillors. On various occasions he has been a candidate for office. In 1890 he was its candidate for the state senate. He led the ticket, receiving a vote far in advance of the normal democratic vote, but was defeated, and again he went down with the entire ticket when a candidate for county prosecuting attorney, losing, however, only by the small margin of forty-four votes, notwithstanding the fact that the county is overwhelmingly republican. He was also defeated as a candidate for the Constitutional Convention and yet the fact that he has always run ahead of the party vote is indicative not only of his personal popularity but also of the confidence reposed in him as a citizen and the recognition of his professional ability and power. He served as county prosecutor of Carbon county for two terms, winning at the first election over his opponent by six hundred and fifteen votes and at the second election by a majority of three hundred and fifteen votes. He also served as city attor-

ney of Rawlins, being elected in 1893 and continuing in the office for a number of years, during which time he revised the major portion of the city ordinances. He afterward again served as city attorney from 1908 until 1914. As county prosecutor he successfully convicted more than fifty criminals, who were sentenced to the state penitentiary, and while he was city prosecutor he collected for Rawlins many thousands of dollars in fines and jail sentences for violators and during his entire term of office as city and county prosecutor he had only three cases reversed and holds the unchallenged record of being the ablest prosecutor the county of Carbon has ever had in all of its history. He has been connected with many notable cases, being attorney for the defense in the trial of T. O'Hama, a Japanese, charged with murder and convicted in May, 1916, and sentenced to the death penalty on the 28th of October. Mr. McMicken entered the case in September, 1916, after it had been defended by other lawyers and sentence had been passed. He reopened the case by appeal to the supreme court, the latter granting a new trial, in which Mr. McMicken succeeded in proving the innocence of his client, who was completely vindicated and discharged.

Mr. McMicken was married in Rawlins to Miss Helen Cannon and they have become the parents of two children: Andrew Revelle, who was graduated from Harvard with the LL. B. degree in June, 1916, and who on the 1st of November, 1917, became a member of the new firm of McMicken & McMicken; and Ann Helen, who is at home.

Mr. McMicken is prominent in Masonic circles. He has filled all of the chairs in the Blue Lodge save that of worshipful master and has attained high rank in the order, being now a past illustrious potentate of Korein Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He has also taken the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler, and he has been chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias.

Attracted to the west for the benefit of his health, he has found here a splendid field for professional activity and has become a prominent factor in the development, progress and upbuilding of the section in which he has located. Like his ancestors, who were builders of Cincinnati, he has become one of the builders of a growing and enterprising western city, his efforts along many lines being far-reaching and beneficial. All who know him attest his worth in public connections and recognize the fact that he has carved his name high on the keystone of Wyoming's legal arch.

NATHANIEL KIMBALL BOSWELL.

No tale of fiction can match in strangeness or in interest the life record of Nathaniel Kimball Boswell, perhaps the best known among the old pioneers living today in Wyoming. Not to know Mr. Boswell in this state is to argue one's self unknown, and he commands the highest respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He served as the first sheriff of Albany county and was among the best known of the old-time cattlemen of the state. After nearly sixty years on the plains he has never lost the refinement that came with his boyhood environment. Every experience of pioneer life is familiar to him and he relates the story of the early days in a most interesting manner, capable of holding the attention of his auditors for hours.

Nathaniel Kimball Boswell was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire, November 4, 1836, and has therefore passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey. His parents were John and Lucinda (Pike) Boswell, both of whom were natives of New Hampshire, where they spent their entire lives. The father was a descendant of a well known Scotch family that was established in America in early colonial times. The mother was also a representative of an old New England family of Scotch and English lineage. They became parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters.



NATHANIEL K. BOSWELL

Nathaniel K. Boswell in early life attended the schools of Haverhill, New Hampshire, and at the age of seventeen years he went to Michigan and afterward to Wisconsin, where he engaged in the lumber business. While at work on Green Bay, Wisconsin, on the 4th of December, 1857, in an open Mackinaw boat, the boat was capsized. Three men were in the boat on a trip to an island in Green Bay to cut timber. Two of the number were drowned and Mr. Boswell, the other occupant of the boat, saved himself by climbing on the boat and after fifteen hours reached land. As a consequence of the exposure, however, he suffered a hemorrhage of the lungs and on the advice of an eminent specialist of New York city he came to the west in order to live in the open. In 1857 he left Wisconsin and proceeded to Davenport, Iowa, from which point he began the overland trip to Boulder, Colorado. He remained in the vicinity of Boulder for a short time and then with five companions proceeded to inspect the country, living out of doors. He went to Gilpin county, Colorado, where he engaged in mining and in the lumber business, remaining there for eight years, during which time his health was fully restored and he became very vigorous and robust. In 1867 he removed to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and opened the first drug store of the city, conducting the business from 1868 until 1870. At the same time he carried on a drug store in Laramie, which was the first establishment of the kind in that city. He had traded a mining claim for a stock of drugs, but having no experience as a druggist he employed clerical assistants to aid him in the conduct of the business, in which he remained for four years. In the meantime he did government contract work and was also appointed the first sheriff of Albany county, which at that time had a length of four hundred miles. He likewise engaged in ranching, raising cattle and horses. He still owns his ranch property and is conducting the business on an extensive scale. While acting as sheriff of Albany county Mr. Boswell became famous as a menace to the bad men of the country and did much to put down the lawlessness of this section of the western country. For a number of years he filled the office of deputy United States marshal and again was a bulwark of defense on the side of law and order.

In 1857 Mr. Boswell was married in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, to Miss Martha Salisbury, who was born in the state of New York and died in Laramie in 1896. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Salisbury and to the marriage was born one child, Minnie A., who was born in Laramie and pursued her education in the public schools and in the University of Wyoming. She married C. D. Oviatt. Mr. Oviatt has been a member of the state legislature for the last two terms and is a well known cattle rancher of Albany county, prominent in business and public life. To Mr. and Mrs. Oviatt have been born two children: Clarence, who is attending the University of Wyoming at Laramie; and Martha, also a student in that school.

Mr. Boswell is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He was one of the first representatives of the order in Colorado and aided in organizing the first Masonic lodge both of Colorado and of Wyoming. At different times he has been connected with the Masons of Cheyenne and of Laramie.

His life record reads like some tale of fiction, there are so many exciting experiences and interesting events in connection therewith. As sheriff in the early days he was possessed of not a shadow of fear and on many occasions has faced famous gunmen, outlaws and bandits and horse and cattle thieves. He never undertook to arrest a single man but what he accomplished his purpose. On one occasion he had an encounter with a noted character by the name of Jack Watkins, who was not a criminal in the usual sense of the term but was most lawless when intoxicated. He was a remarkable shot and could hit any object he desired and he was known to be as brave as he was reckless. Mr. Boswell was at that time deputy United States marshal and also sheriff of Albany county. While visiting Judge Jones in Cheyenne who was his friend and later was delegate in Congress, Jack Watkins was on one of his proverbial sprees and was shooting up the town. He especially delighted in shooting out the lights in a noted dance hall. The judge called Mr. Boswell's attention to the fact and re-

quested that he go and arrest Watkins, but as this was not his territory he declined. He was then, however, deputized as a United States marshal and papers were handed him, giving him the authority to assist the sheriff of Laramie county, located at Cheyenne, who was sent with Mr. Boswell but was apparently afraid of Watkins. As the two men approached the side street they saw two fellows facing each other with drawn revolvers, having an argument. The Laramie sheriff urged Mr. Boswell to arrest Watkins, one of the men. In the excitement Mr. Boswell had mistaken a deputy sheriff for Watkins and pounced upon him, while Watkins walked away and entered a grocery store. On learning his mistake Mr. Boswell followed Watkins, who covered Mr. Boswell with two revolvers and told him not to approach nearer or he would kill him. Without the least hesitation Mr. Boswell told him that he would not fire and that if he did five hundred men would riddle him with shot. He then proceeded to read the warrant to him, after which Watkins said: "Who in hell are you anyway?" Mr. Boswell told him, whereon the criminal ejaculated, "So you are Boswell. I heard about you and I like your nerve. Now, if you will protect me from this mob I will submit to arrest." On being assured that Mr. Boswell would do so Watkins handed over his gun and accompanied him toward the jail. On the way, however, the mob followed and three men, having secured lariats, demanded the prisoner. At this Mr. Boswell handed the prisoner his revolver again and so great was the fear of this remarkable shot that the crowd scattered in all directions. After this no further difficulties occurred and the man was put in jail, but was immediately released after giving bond. Ever afterward Mr. Boswell had a true friend in Watkins, whom he arrested dozens of times afterward, but the man never resisted, always going peaceably along.

About the 23d day of April, 1868, the Union Pacific began the sale of lots in Laramie. The survey of the town had been made some months before. This was the terminus of the great national highway and every man had money enough to buy a lot in Laramie and anxiously awaited the event. For a month prior to the sale there had been camped on the plains around the new townsite from two to three hundred people in tents and many more sleeping in the open. With the sale of lots began the settlement of Laramie and the rapidity of its growth may be conjectured from the fact that within one week from the day the first lot was sold over four hundred lots had been sold and in less than two weeks five hundred buildings were being erected, buildings of all designs and descriptions. On the 10th of May, 1868, the first train came into Laramie and discharged its freight, which included all manner of household goods and building materials, Jew peddlers with fancy goods and packs, crockery, cook stoves, wines, liquors, cigars, and riding on flat cars in the midst of their household effects were men, women and children. In about three months Laramie had grown to a population of five thousand, including about one thousand strong, earnest, daring men ready to face any danger or undertake any perilous task if they could in honorable manner better their fortunes and win homes for their families. There were about a thousand more who were ready to adopt any policy, honorable or otherwise, that the balance might wish. There were a few good noble women but the majority of the population were gamblers, thieves, highwaymen, ruthless cut-throats and women of the underworld. Such was the beginning of Laramie and Mr. Boswell as a citizen and as an official stood for law and order, right and justice, and by his bravery did much toward developing the high standards of citizenship which have long characterized the old capital.

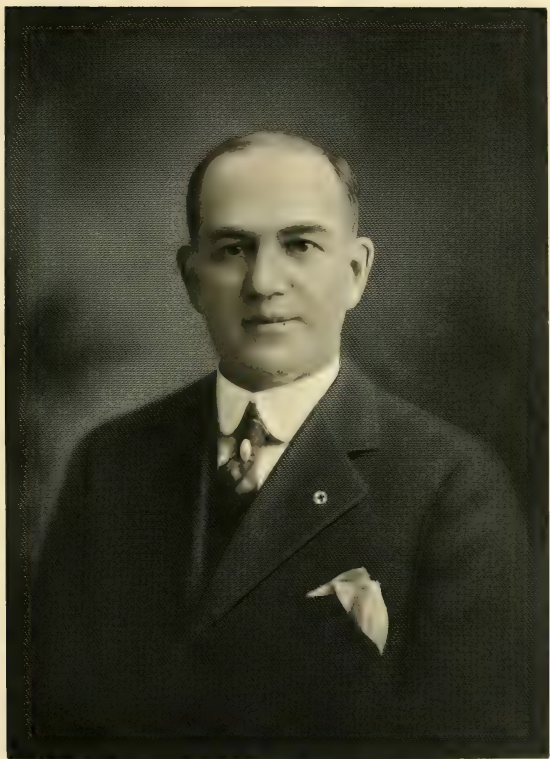
His is indeed a notable career and there is no phase of western pioneer life and experience with which he is not familiar. He has known personally most of the noted men in this section of the west and is a personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt and other eminent people who have visited this section of the country. He has always been a great horseman and his life in the open has undoubtedly been one of the strong features in preserving his rugged health. His acquaintance is indeed broad and he is respected in the highest measure by all with whom he has come in contact. His life history if written in detail would present a

most accurate picture of the development of this section of the country. Though he has met many lawless men the innate refinement of his nature has been preserved and his high standards of life have been maintained. He has long been regarded as one of the foremost ranchmen of his section of the country and there have come to him "the blest accompaniments of age—honor, riches, troops of friends."

ROBERT WALKER HALE, M. D.

Dr. Robert Walker Hale, of Thermopolis, whose high professional standing is indicated in the fact that he is now occupying the presidency of the Wyoming State Medical Society, his position, moreover, indicating the warm regard entertained for him by his professional colleagues and contemporaries, was born in Scotland county, Missouri, near the town of Downing, July 24, 1869, being the youngest in a family of ten children whose parents were Lewis and Sarah Hale, natives of the state of Tennessee. On the 1st of January, 1849, they left their native state and removed to Missouri, traveling by boat down the Ohio river to Cairo, Illinois, thence by flatboat up the Mississippi to Canton, Missouri, where they landed because of the fact that they had no funds with which to travel farther. The father cut cordwood in order to get money to purchase provisions and when he had done so walked to northern Missouri, where he borrowed an ox team and a lynch pin wagon and returned for his mother and grandmother, who had accompanied him, and a negro woman whom they had brought with them. They located near the old homestead upon which Dr. Hale was born and after a few years made selection of their present home and have since resided on that farm, covering a period of about sixty-two years. Mr. Hale was one of the pioneer settlers of that region, experiencing the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and of the hardy pioneer type. He supported the family by working for fifty cents per day, accepting his pay in meat, grit and the food that could be had in those days, scarcely ever receiving any money for his work. The clothes of the family were home made, Mrs. Hale weaving the cloth. In the course of time Mr. Hale acquired five hundred acres of land and it was upon that farm that the Doctor was born and worked until he had attained his majority, it being the law at that time that a man was not a man until he reached his twenty-first year. The school advantages offered farm boys in those days were in many instances very limited. It was necessary to clear the timber from the home farm and this made much hard work for the father and sons, there being three brothers older than Dr. Hale. Farming, as it was done in those days brought out all there was in a boy. The Doctor was drilled in that work from early life and at the age of twenty-one years he was strong, rugged and active. As his older brothers took up their abode upon the home farm there was not room for him and it became necessary for him to leave home and choose some other line of work. He decided upon the medical profession and in September, 1890, he entered the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, Missouri, and on March 27, 1893, was graduated from that institution with high honors.

After returning home for a short visit Dr. Hale located in Macon county, Missouri, at a coal mining town called Ardmore, where he spent the first year and a half of his professional career. He was in the employ of the Kansas & Texas Coal Company. On the 7th of October, 1894, he bade good-bye to his parents and friends and boarded the train for Sheridan, Wyoming, where he arrived on the evening of the 9th. When the Doctor left home his mother asked him if he intended to return. She had buried all of her children at that time but three sons and she felt that she was almost giving up another one in having him go so far. Four daughters and one son of the family had been victims of tuberculosis. The mother may have thought Dr. Hale feared the disease and, not wishing to speak of it to her, was going west on that account. Among the last words which she said



Yours Truly
Robt. W. Hale

to him when alone were: "My boy, no matter where you go, no difference where you are, always do right and the world will respect you." On the way to the train the father said: "Did you ever think of connecting yourself with a good secret order? In your business it would do you no harm." The father himself had been an honored member of the Masonic fraternity for over forty years. This advice Dr. Hale heeded and fully appreciated in later years. His father continued: "My son, if you never return to live among us, I wish to say to you, never make an agreement you know you cannot keep. Keep your credit above reproach and you will never see the time you cannot get all the financial aid necessary to properly conduct your business. Be honest, be faithful, be true." Mr. Hale was a man of sterling integrity whose word was ever as good as his bond. Early in life he inculcated in his children the necessity of being honest. His advice was ever found to be useful and Dr. Hale in later years has come to a full appreciation of the fact that no man was ever born of better parents or received better advice. His father and mother were truly types of their time. Like giant oaks of the forest, they set examples worthy of all mankind. The father spent seventy-eight years in a most useful career and the mother still survives, having reached the age of eighty-six in September, 1917.

Arriving in Sheridan, Wyoming, Dr. Hale was advised to visit the Big Horn basin with a view of locating there. He rode a cow pony over the Big Horn mountains by way of Dome lake and to Hyattville, to Bonanza and to Otto, where he decided to locate and engage in practice. He returned to Sheridan, ordered his books, instruments and supplies shipped at once and while waiting for them to arrive the snow fell to such a depth that he could not cross the mountains that fall, for it was late in October. He then reshipped his supplies to Billings, Montana, and found on arriving there that the only way to get into the basin was by freight. In those days many people from the basin went to Billings for their winter supplies. During the time he waited to catch a freight outfit he was invited to visit the Billings Club in company with Dr. J. H. Rhinehart. He visited the club and made the acquaintance of such men as Otto Frank, who was then the owner of the Pitchfork Cattle Company on the Greybull river in Wyoming, above Meeteese; Henry Lovell, who owned the M. L. Cattle Company on the lower Big Horn river, and many others of that type who had helped make this country habitable. They employed many men in the conduct of their cattle ranches and many of their punchers were afterward patients of Dr. Hale. In conversation with the Doctor in Billings Mr. Lovell gave him some discouraging advice by saying: "Young man, you will starve in the Big Horn basin trying to practice medicine. Several doctors have located there and all have given it up." After waiting seventeen days Dr. Hale was able to get a freighter to load his goods and they started for the basin. It was cold by this time, about the 1st of November. Dr. Hale had never camped out and slept on the ground in the snow but had hitherto occupied a feather bed. After eight days of travel he landed twenty-five miles above the present site of Cody and after a month got a man to take his goods to Otto. He purchased a pony that the owner called Twenty and paid twenty dollars for him, a pony that at one time belonged to the Seventy-one outfit that in the early days ranged its herds on the Powder river. Long before the time of this transaction the pony had been given his freedom and turned out on the range to make food for the covotes. Dr. Hale, having faith in his friend, who had been so kind as to haul him from Billings, asking him to live with his family until he could get to Otto, believed the pony was a bronco but he soon proved his age and it required three days to make the journey from the ranch to Otto. The pony gave out and one day Dr. Hale met a man who was going to where Twenty had ranged and the latter gave the man five dollars to take the pony back and turn him out so he could die among friends. Soon a man came along who loaned Dr. Hale a horse called Croppy that afterward made many notable trips and carried the Doctor across the Bad Lands in the Big Horn basin to see many a sick or injured patient. A horse of that kind seemed almost human. It would graze around wherever you dropped the reins and was never known to buck. Croppy could swim a river

like a duck. He would also raise his head high in the air, strike a long, swinging lope and carry his rider at the rate of ten miles per hour for hour after hour, never seeming to tire or to weary after his trip to the bedside of a suffering mother or a sick child or a crippled cow puncher. Dr. Hale certainly appreciated the use of that animal and the kindness of the owner who had loaned him. From the head waters of the Big Horn river and its tributaries this horse carried the Doctor from east to west, north to south, where his services were needed. For two years he alone covered that part of the great American desert on the back of the horse in answer to the call of duty.

Dr. Hale did not starve, as Mr. Lovell had predicted, for he did not belong to the type of men who starve. Later he made the acquaintance of Hon. J. L. Torrey, who was then president of the Embar Cattle Company, located on Owl creek, above Thermopolis. Colonel Torrey said: "If you need any assistance in your work, a horse or men when you are trying to reach the bedside of a sick man or woman or an injured puncher, use the whole Embar outfit if you need it and if you kill a horse under such circumstances it is already paid for." This one incident alone will account for the fact that men and women coming from the east to the west seldom care to return to their native state. During the years of his residence in the basin, from 1894 until 1917, these acquaintances made under such circumstances, have lasted in many instances and are valued beyond price.

Dr. Hale located in Otto and as there were only a few log shacks and no accommodations to be secured it became necessary to accept what he could get. Lou Blakesley edited the Otto Courier in one of these log huts, his family lived in another, and Mr. Blakesley offered the Doctor sleeping room in the Courier office, so he accepted it. The room was twelve by sixteen feet, the roof was of dirt, the walls were daubed with mud. It seemed that the mud supply ran short, for there were many spaces where one could see through, it being unnecessary to go to the door or window to know who was passing. You could look out between the logs. The door was made with upright boards and lacked several inches of reaching the floor. The bed was a tick of straw, none too smooth, but it was the only thing that the Doctor could secure. When morning came the bed was shoved under the case containing the type used in the printing of the Courier. True to western hospitality, no charge was made for the use of this bedroom. The Doctor was invited by Mr. Blakesley to take his meals with them and did so. All of this unsolicited hospitality was much appreciated by him and showed the goodwill of the people, who were glad to have a doctor locate among them. Frank S. Wood built a drug store building for the Doctor in the summer of 1896, it being the first frame building of the town, and the establishment became the first pioneer drug store of the basin.

On the 28th of September, 1898, Dr. Hale was married to Eltie May Faust, of Otto, who lived only until August 25, 1899. In October of that year the Doctor returned home to visit his parents and on the night of the 17th the drug store and his residence were destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved. The building was uninsured and the labor of years was thus lost in a few moments. The Doctor afterward returned to Otto, closed up his business and in May, 1900, removed to Thermopolis, where he has since resided. The day following his arrival in Thermopolis, May 13th, Martin McGrath, who was then mayor, appointed him city health officer and this position he has filled since May, 1900, and as long as Thermopolis was a part of Fremont county he was appointed from time to time to act as county health officer. When Hot Springs county was organized he was appointed by the state board as county health officer. Dr. Hale was again married December 24, 1905, when Coral B. Bowman, of Macomb, Illinois, became his wife. Soon after taking up his residence in Thermopolis, Dr. Hale organized the Thermopolis Pharmacy, which he successfully conducted until 1906, when he sold the drug store to devote his entire time to the practice of his profession. He built up a splendid practice, which at times involved making some of the longest, hardest calls to distant points ever made by any physician in the state. He handled the work on the construction of the Burlington Railroad from Kirby



RESIDENCE OF ROBERT W. HALE

to Thermopolis and at the same time was company physician for the Crosby coal mines and the Wyoming Sulphur Company, besides doing much work both in Thermopolis and the surrounding country. While thus engaged he had found time to make frequent visits to his parents and to the post-graduate schools of the eastern cities. He has never been a candidate for office, although frequently declining nominations when offered them by his friends. He has been closely identified with Thermopolis and has invested extensively in its real estate. He owns a splendid residence and an interest in a business house, besides much residence property.

Dr. Hale has identified himself with the Modern Woodmen Camp, the Knights of Pythias and with Malta Lodge, No. 17, A. F. & A. M., at Thermopolis. He has taken the degrees of the York Rite and of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is a democrat and, true to the religious faith of his ancestors, he believes in the doctrines of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, of which his parents were members before the Civil war. He has enjoyed the honor of appearing before various select audiences to deliver addresses upon a number of questions. At the present time he is a member of the county board of selection and draft, is a member of the state medical board of sanitation, is health officer for Hot Springs county and was by appointment the first county physician. He is a member and president of the State Medical Committee of National Defense and was appointed by Governor Kendrick on the state board of medical examiners. At Douglas on the 9th of May, 1917, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a physician in his state was given to Dr. Hale when he was chosen president of the Wyoming State Medical Society, an honor fully merited by reason of his personal worth and marked professional attainments.

OVE H. PETERSON.

Ove H. Peterson is proprietor of the Rawlins Music House, a dealer in pianos and high grade phonographs, specializing in the Edison line. His business has shown a constant development and steady growth and his is today one of the leading music houses in this section of the state. Thoroughly familiar with everything that has to do with the trade, Mr. Peterson has closely studied the wishes of the public and his enterprising methods have brought to him a substantial patronage.

A native of Denmark, he was born in Copenhagen, August 15, 1883, a son of the late I. H. Peterson, who was a native of Denmark, where he engaged in merchandising. He continued his residence in Copenhagen until called to his final rest, passing away in 1901, when he had reached the age of sixty years. He was a very successful merchant and took an active part in public affairs, being recognized as a man of considerable influence in national politics. He married Ann Margaret Hanson, a native of Denmark. She became the mother of five children.

Ove H. Peterson, who was the third in order of birth, pursued his education in the national schools of Denmark and under private instructors in leading cities of Germany. He specialized in the study of instrumental music and was graduated with high honors in piano. During his residence of four years in Germany he was also studying the German system of mercantile and business pursuits and on the expiration of that period he returned to Denmark, where he entered his father's store, there remaining for a year. The opportunities of the new world, however, attracted him and, crossing the Atlantic to the United States, he arrived in New York city in June, 1901. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast, however, but made his way direct to Rawlins, where he had relatives and friends living, his primary inducement to making Rawlins his choice of a place of residence being that an uncle was a resident of this city. On his arrival he secured employment with the firm of Hugus &

Company, proprietors of the leading general merchandise establishment of the city, the predecessors of the Ferguson Mercantile Company. Mr. Peterson remained with that house for a year and from 1901 until 1907 he was traveling over the United States, also spending eight months of that period abroad, visiting his old home, also London, Paris and Berlin. Upon his return to America he again took up his abode in Rawlins and became identified with his uncle, Jim Hanson, in the stock raising business, the latter being one of the most extensive sheep, cattle and horse raisers in this section. Mr. Peterson remained with his uncle as private secretary until 1914, when he established his present business, in which he has since been continuously and successfully engaged. This was the first exclusive music house established in Carbon county, if not in western Wyoming, and his trade covers the entire western part of the state. Not only does he handle pianos of high grade manufacture but also the Edison Diamond Disc phonograph and has an Edison laboratory, being a licensed representative of those interests in this section of the country. He is also engaged in teaching music and has organized the Rawlins High School Band. In a word he is one of the most prominent figures in musical circles in this city and has done much to develop musical taste and promote the standards of musical education in this section.

On the 7th of June, 1916, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Miss Lois Derby Wallace, a native of Omaha, Nebraska, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wallace, prominent people of Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have become the parents of a daughter, Ruth H., who was born in Rawlins, July 20, 1917.

Mr. Peterson maintains an independent course in politics but has become a recognized factor in connection with public interests and social activities in Rawlins. He is a member of the Lutheran church and his influence is always on the side of those interests which have cultural value and lift the individual from the drudgery of everyday business life, thus broadening his interests and augmenting his powers. While Mr. Peterson was most liberally educated ere he left Europe, he had attained comparatively little financial standing when he came to the new world and sought the business opportunities here offered in order that he might advance in that way. His progress is due to his own efforts and perseverance. He is more than satisfied with Wyoming as a place of residence, believing that the state has a great future, and he is contributing in substantial measure to the upbuilding and development of Rawlins, his efforts constituting a valuable contribution to those interests which must ever prove a balance to commercial activity if a well rounded development is to result.

J. D. LE BAR.

J. D. Le Bar, owner of the Le Bar Garage at Douglas, where he is handling the Ford car, was born in Pennsylvania in 1882, a son of Hiram and Elizabeth Le Bar. He began his education at the usual age as a pupil in the public schools of the Keystone state and after attending high school spent one year in a military academy and one year in college. He is a graduate of the Lafayette Military Academy and with liberal education as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties he entered upon his business career. In young manhood he was associated with Austin Nichols & Company, wholesale grocers of New York, and eventually he removed westward to Idaho, where for three years he was engaged in mining. He then came to Wyoming, settling at Douglas, and between the years 1908 and 1911 gave his attention to the contracting business. In the latter year he established his garage and that his business has grown to be one of extensive proportions is indicated in the fact that he today employs twelve men, most of whom are skilled mechanics and

are thus able to care for his constantly growing trade. He is likewise the agent in Converse county for the Ford car and his annual sales reach a large figure. His business affairs have been carefully and intelligently directed and his sound judgment and keen sagacity have brought to him deserved success.

Mr. Le Bar is a Mason and also an Elk. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is interested in all that has to do with the welfare and progress of his city and the extension of its trade relations. He has never been an office seeker but is much interested in the state and its development, and his cooperation can at all times be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the upbuilding of his city or the promotion of the welfare of the state.

SAMUEL CORSON.

Samuel Corson has long been prominently identified with business, political and fraternal interests in Wyoming and since the '80s has made his home in Cheyenne, where he is now living retired from business save for the supervision which he gives to his invested interests. This freedom from business cares allows him leisure for activities along other lines and he has been a most active coöperant factor in many movements which have to do with the public welfare and with the advancement of fraternal interests.

He was born in Girvan, Scotland, June 16, 1857, a son of the Rev. William and Aitcheson (Dobbie) Corson. The father was a clergyman of the Established Church and Samuel Corson was reared amid the environment of a cultured home. His education was begun in the schools of his native town and he afterward attended the Dumbarton Academy of Scotland. Subsequently he became a clerk for the firm of John Orr Ewing & Company, cotton manufacturers of Glasgow, with whom he remained for eight years, thus making his initial step in the business world. He was afterward connected with Handasyde Dick & Company, an East India mercantile house, for two years and came to the United States in 1883, when a young man of twenty-six. He located first in Kansas City, where he occupied a clerical position with the Fort Scott & Gulf Railroad for a brief period. He then removed to Cheyenne, where he entered the employ of the Union Mercantile Company, becoming a stockholder and secretary and treasurer, and in that connection he continued for a quarter of a century, being thus closely associated with the commercial interests of the city. His enterprise and progressiveness contributed much to the development and growth of the business, which became one of the most profitable mercantile interests in Cheyenne. As he prospered in his undertakings Mr. Corson made extensive and wise investment in interests which are now bringing to him a substantial financial return and enable him to live practically retired from business, giving his attention only to the supervision of his personal investments.

In March, 1888, Mr. Corson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Gray, returning to Scotland for his bride, and to them were born the following children: William A., who is now second lieutenant in the Three Hundred and Fourth Field Artillery, serving in France; Samuel, Jr., who is now a junior in the Cheyenne high school and a sergeant in the cadet corps; and Mary Gray, who died at the age of six years on April 8, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Corson hold membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as session clerk and as elder for many years. They take an active interest in the church work and coöperate heartily in all of its plans for reaching and uplifting mankind.

Mr. Corson turns to fishing and hunting for recreation. He is a man of social nature and has become a most prominent member of the Masonic fraternity in Wyoming, being one of the few residents of the state upon whom has been conferred the honorary thirty-third degree. He is a past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming, A. F. & A. M., and a past high priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming, and a past grand commander of



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the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Wyoming. Since January 1, 1914, he has been secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies in Masonry.

His political activity has been actuated by an earnest desire to uphold the best interests of city and state. He served for three years as a member of the city council of Cheyenne and in 1900 he became county commissioner. In 1895 he was elected to the state legislature and served for one term as a member of the lower house, while for two terms he represented his district in the state senate. He was an active working member on the floor of the house, did important committee service and was connected with much constructive legislation looking to the development of the state and the safeguarding of its interests. Throughout his entire life he has never been content to choose the second best but has held to the highest standards, his aid and influence being always on the side of those activities which make for progress and improvement in the affairs of men.

LAURENCE E. ENGSTRUM.

Laurence E. Engstrum, a jeweler engaged in business in Evanston, where his enterprise and progressive spirit are bringing to him a substantial measure of success, was born November 12, 1891, in the city in which he still resides. His father, Victor A. Engstrum, was a native of Sweden and came to America with his parents when five years of age, the family home being established in Omaha, Nebraska, where Mr. Engstrum was reared and educated. He entered upon an apprenticeship as a coppersmith and after thoroughly acquainting himself with the business, in 1873 removed to Wyoming, establishing his home in Evanston among the first settlers. Here he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railway Company, working in the shops as a coppersmith and occupying that position until 1878. He then took up an apprenticeship under W. H. Parpe, who was the pioneer jeweler of the city, having opened his store in 1875, and this store he operated until his death, when Mr. Engstrum fell heir to the business and continued successfully in the jewelry trade until his demise, which occurred in 1914, when he had reached the age of fifty-six years. In early manhood he married Miss Charlesphene Hammer, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah, and a representative of one of the pioneer families of that state and of Wyoming, her parents having settled in Uinta county, Wyoming, in 1869 or 1870. Mrs. Engstrum was reared and educated in Evanston and in this city her marriage was celebrated. She still makes her home in Evanston, where she has a very wide acquaintance and is held in the highest esteem by all who know her. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, of whom the following are yet living: Beulah, who is the wife of W. X. Osborne, a mining engineer of Phoenix, Arizona; Beatrice, the wife of H. P. Cummock, whose home is in Los Angeles, California; Laurence E., of this review; and Dorothy Sybil.

Laurence E. Engstrum is indebted to the public school system of Evanston for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed. He started out to earn his own living when a youth of seventeen years and entered upon an apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade under the direction of his father, who gave him thorough and systematic training in the work, so that he gained a comprehensive knowledge of the business. He also attended the Winter School of Watchmaking and Engraving at Chicago, Illinois, and thus supplemented his early training and experience. He was graduated from that institution in 1914 and upon his father's death he succeeded to the ownership of the jewelry store in Evanston, which he has since continuously and successfully conducted. It is not only the pioneer establishment of this kind in the city but is today the leading jewelry store of this section of the state. Mr. Engstrum carries a large and well selected line of jewelry and precious stones and is capable of doing the most efficient repair work. His business methods are thoroughly reliable

and progressive and his close application and earnest desire to please his patrons have been the salient features in the development of his growing trade.

On the 22d of February, 1915, Mr. Engstrum was united in marriage to Miss Mary Frances Kirtland, a native of Michigan and a daughter of James and Annie (Sales) Kirtland.

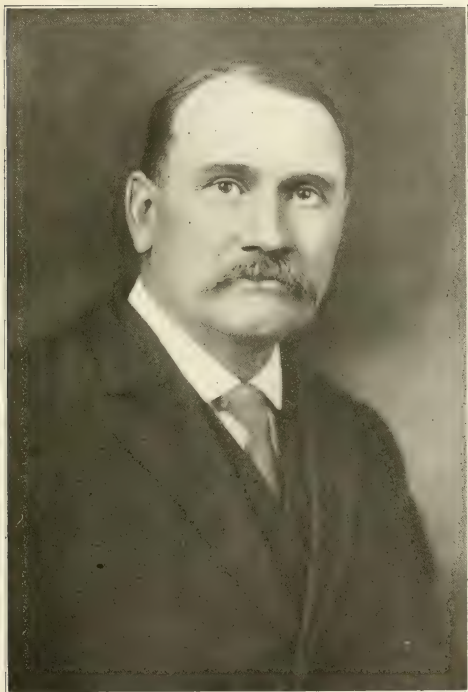
In politics Mr. Engstrum has always maintained an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than for party. Fraternally he is identified with Evanston Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M., and is a worthy exemplar of the teachings of the craft. His entire life has been passed in Evanston and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance, showing him to be a man of genuine worth whose life record will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

DAVID V. BELL.

David V. Bell is occupying a position requiring marked executive force and administrative ability, being superintendent of the Union Pacific Railway's water companies, in which connection he directs the efforts and activities of about forty workmen. In retrospect one may see him a poor boy, struggling to gain a foothold in the business world. From his initial step, however, he has steadily progressed owing to his individual efforts, fidelity, earnestness and strong purpose, and today his position is an important one, ranking him with the representative business men of Wyoming. He makes his home at Rock Springs and from that point directs the important interests under his supervision.

He was born June 14, 1863, near Elizabeth Furnace, in Blair county, Pennsylvania, and was the eldest in a family of nine children, eight of whom are still living. Their parents were John Pierce and Agnes (Greenland) Bell, who were also natives of the Keystone state. The Bell family was founded in Pennsylvania at an early period in its development, the progenitor of the family in America arriving in Pennsylvania during the early part of the seventeenth century, at which time he took up his abode in what is now Blair county. John Pierce Bell was a successful farmer and during the early excitement following the discovery of gold in Colorado he made his way to that state. He was born in 1835 and had reached the age of seventy-six years when death called him. His wife was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and represented one of the old families of the state of English lineage. She died in the year 1887, at the age of forty-five years.

David V. Bell acquired a public school education, attending the schools in Antis township, Blair county, Pennsylvania, and the high school at Huntingdon, from which he was graduated in 1880. After completing his course there he started out to earn his own livelihood, his first employment being that of a clerk in a general store at Elizabeth Furnace. This line of work was not to his liking, however, and a little later he entered the employ of John Whitehead & Company in engineering lines at Elizabeth Furnace. He served a three years' apprenticeship as an engineer and in mechanical work and afterward followed his trade there until July, 1883, when he came to the west, attracted by the opportunities of this great and growing section of the country. It was in that year that he made his way to Fort Steele, Wyoming, where he spent the winter and then removed to Rawlins and later to Oil City. In the latter place he went with the first steam drilling outfit for oil in the state. He was employed by the old Central Association in drilling oil wells, remaining in that service during 1884 and 1885. He was also active in the Seminole mining country in 1885, and from 1886 until 1889 he was engaged in well drilling and in mining pursuits in this state. In 1889 he returned to Rawlins, where he became an employe of the Union Pacific Railway Company in well drilling. He has since been connected with the company, covering a period of twenty-nine years—a fact indicative



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of his capability, his faithfulness and of the confidence reposed in him. He has drilled oil wells in Albany, Carbon, Lincoln, Uinta, Johnson and in fact two-thirds of the counties in the state, and has thus been most actively and helpfully connected with the development of the oil industry, which is today one of the important sources of wealth in Wyoming. He was likewise one of the organizers and stockholders of the Wyoming Supply Company of Rawlins. He is today superintendent of the Union Pacific Railway's water companies, comprising the Rattlesnake Creek Water Company, the Green River Water Works Company and the Union Pacific Water Company, in which connection he has charge of forty workmen. He is thoroughly familiar with various phases of mechanical life and engineering projects, and his pronounced ability has enabled him to advance step by step until he now occupies a position of leadership in his chosen field of labor.

Mr. Bell has been married twice. On the 10th of June, 1881, in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, he wedded Miss Anna Kelley, a native of the Keystone state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah G. Kelley, who were early settlers of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bell passed away March 21, 1882, at Barre Forge, Pennsylvania, when but twenty years of age, at the time of the birth of her son, David V., Jr. On the 18th of September, 1893, in Rawlins, Mr. Bell was again married, his second union being with Miss Mamie Morrison, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Roselle and Sarah (Bell) Morrison, the former now deceased. The mother is a representative of an old Pennsylvania family of Butler county, that state. To Mr. and Mrs. Bell have been born eight children: Orin R., who was born at Mountain Home, Idaho, August 22, 1894; Carl Simpson, whose birth occurred at Rawlins, Wyoming, January 1, 1897; Agnes, who is now attending the State University; Dorothy; Elizabeth; and Edna, Ada and Margaret, the last three born in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Mr. Bell was made a Mason, January 18, 1891, in Rawlins, Wyoming, and since that time he has taken the degrees not only of the lodge but also of the chapter, the commandery and the Mystic Shrine. His life is an exemplification of the faith and practices of the Masonic fraternity, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind. He is a man of many sterling qualities, possessed of ability in a business way, displaying fidelity to every cause which he espouses and to all of the duties of life. He holds friendship inviolable and by reason of his personal traits, his cordiality and his sincerity he has won a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

W. D. CURTIS.

W. D. Curtis is the leading produce broker of the state of Wyoming and is accounted one of the most progressive residents of the city of Laramie. In a word, he is a typical western man, alert, energetic and progressive, displaying those sterling traits which have ever been a dominant factor in the rapid and substantial upbuilding of this section of the country. Mr. Curtis is a native of Kansas, his birth having occurred in Paoli on the 28th of August, 1886. He is a son of C. N. and Rosa Curtis, who were also natives of the Sunflower state, whence they removed to Leadville, Colorado, where the mother still lives.

W. D. Curtis, who was the only child of their marriage, attended the schools of Leadville, Colorado, after which he learned the business of assaying. He continued in Leadville for a time as an assayer and then turned his attention to the produce commission business, in which he was actively engaged in Leadville for nine years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Cripple Creek, Colorado, where he continued in the same line of business for a year. He next came to Laramie as manager for the Lawrence-Hennesy Fruit Company, conducting their interests in Laramie until 1914, when he decided

to embark in business on his own account and did so. He has met with a substantial measure of success during the intervening period, for he had already become widely known, and soon secured a liberal patronage. He is today regarded as one of the most prominent and successful brokers in this section of the west and is the only broker in his line in Wyoming and the state's only member of the Fruit Jobbers' Association of America. In business affairs his judgment is sound, his discrimination keen and his enterprise unflinching. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, for his energy and enterprise allow him to brook no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent and earnest effort.

On the 10th of May, 1905, Mr. Curtis was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Tracey, of Denver, Colorado, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tracey, now living in Longmont, that state. Mrs. Curtis holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and they are well known socially.

In politics Mr. Curtis maintains an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than for party. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has taken the Royal Arch degree in Masonry, being also a member of the consistory and a Shriner. He is a very active, valued and prominent member of the chamber of commerce and is now serving on its executive committee. He does everything in his power to promote the welfare, growth and progress of the city, to extend its trade relations and to advance its improvements along all civic lines. He is indeed a stalwart champion of the west, its opportunities and its possibilities and his study of the situation enables him to speak with authority upon the question. He is a man possessed of many sterling qualities and characteristics. Self-made in every respect, his advancement is attributable entirely to his individual efforts. He stands for nothing but honest dealing and through straightforward business methods and unflinching enterprise he has built up a large and profitable produce brokerage business, selling only to the wholesale trade.

His record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do, and when effort is based upon honorable principles.

GEORGE P. HARVEY.

George P. Harvey, who is actively engaged in the real estate and insurance business as senior partner of the firm of Harvey & Harper, is also prominent in community affairs, serving at the present writing as chairman of the board of county commissioners of Uinta county. He makes his home in Evanston, where he has lived for twelve years or more.

He was born in Villisca, Montgomery county, Iowa, May 19, 1867, and is a son of William and Agnes (McCulloch) Harvey, both of whom came to America from Scotland and were early pioneers of Iowa. Mr. Harvey followed railroad building and spent his remaining days in Iowa, where he passed away in 1867 at the age of thirty-three years. His widow long survived and died at Fort Bridger, Wyoming, at the age of seventy-three years. She had removed westward to this state in 1886 and continued to make her home within its borders until called to her final rest twenty-three years later. In the family were five children: W. H., now a resident of Carter, Wyoming; R. B., living at Mountainview, Wyoming; Mrs. Belle Marchesseault, of Montana; George P.; and Mrs. Ethel Hamilton, of Robertson, Wyoming.

George P. Harvey attended the common schools of Iowa and was a youth of sixteen years when he came to Wyoming, after which he was employed near Cody on the Carter ranch, working as a cowboy for several years. He subsequently took up his abode at Fort Bridger, Wyoming, where he engaged in the live stock business on his own account, there remaining until 1903, when he dis-

posed of his interests in that connection and turned his attention to merchandising in Carter, where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his store and stock of goods and removed to Evanston, since which time he has been identified with a number of the important business enterprises of the city. In 1914 he concentrated his efforts and attention upon the management of the business of the Overhead Lumber Company and was thus engaged until February 1, 1918, when he severed that connection and embarked in the real estate and insurance business as a member of the firm of Harvey & Harper, the junior partner being his son-in-law. They specialize in the handling of ranch and live stock property and are meeting with well merited success in their undertakings.

At Fort Bridger, on the 30th of April, 1895, Mr. Harvey was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Hendrie, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hendrie, who were pioneer people of this state. Two children have been born of this marriage: Nellie, who was born in 1907 and is now attending school in Evanston; and Mrs. Dora Harper, the elder daughter, who was born at Fort Bridger in 1896. She, too, was pupil in the public schools of Evanston, where she still makes her home. By her marriage she has become the mother of one child, Marjorie Harper.

In his political views Mr. Harvey is a stalwart democrat and has been a recognized leader in the ranks of his party in Uinta county. He served as county clerk for four years, from 1910 until 1914, and at the present writing, in 1918, is chairman of the board of county commissioners. He has also been a member of the school board and the cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, loyal to the teachings of these organizations, and he is equally true to his professions as a member of the Presbyterian church. He has worked his way upward entirely through his own efforts and is a self-made man who has depended upon his individual labors since reaching the age of thirteen years. Step by step he has progressed until he is now at the head of a successful business enterprise and he is well known among the prominent and representative citizens of his section of the state.

ROBERT E. FITCH.

The memory of Robert E. Fitch forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present in Wyoming, where he settled in pioneer times. Through the intervening period he has taken an active and helpful part in promoting the work of progress and development in many ways and he is now well known in business circles in Laramie as a dealer in real estate and insurance.

He was born in Walton, Delaware county, New York, September 16, 1843, a son of Cyrenus and Isabella (Graham) Fitch, the former a native of Connecticut, while the latter was born in Scotland. The father removed to the state of New York, where he engaged in business along mechanical lines to the time of his death. In the family were six children, of whom Robert E. was the youngest.

In boyhood days he attended school in the village of Walton, New York, and afterward in Plainfield, Illinois. He was left an orphan by the death of his parents when but nine years of age and he then went to work for an uncle, James R. Graham, who was a resident of Plainfield. A year or two later he joined an emigrant train en route for the west, crossing the Mississippi river at Comanche, Illinois, on a rope ferry. He made the trip in company with his uncle and eventually they reached Tama county, Iowa, where they located on government land. Mr. Fitch remained with the uncle for eight years and experienced the hardships and privations of pioneer life in that state, aiding in the arduous task of developing a new farm. Following the outbreak of the Civil war his



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patriotic spirit was aroused and he joined the army, enlisting with the boys in blue of Company G, Fourteenth Iowa Infantry, with which he served for three years. He participated in the battle of Shiloh and while at the front was captured and was sent to Libby Prison, where he remained for eight months, suffering all the hardships of southern prison life. At length he received his discharge but he reenlisted, joining the One Hundred and Thirty-second Illinois Infantry, with which he continued until the end of the war, making a most creditable record by his bravery on the field of battle and his unfaltering loyalty to the cause which he espoused. When the country no longer needed his military aid he returned to his old home in Tama county, Iowa, remaining there and in Belle Plaine, Iowa, for three years. Feeling the need of better educational advantages than he had thus far received, he then entered the State University at Iowa City, where he spent five years in study, being graduated with the class of June, 1872, having completed the literary course and also won the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy and Master of Arts. Thus splendidly qualified by liberal intellectual training for life's practical and responsible duties, he came to Wyoming, taking up his abode in Laramie in the fall of 1872. For ten years he had charge of the public schools of the city as superintendent and did much to develop the school system upon a safe and substantial basis, contributing in marked measure to the advancement of educational standards and to the benefit of the curriculum. He next took up ranching and sheep raising, in which he continued successfully for six years, when his health failed and forced him to abandon that occupation. He then turned his attention to the real estate, insurance and loan business, in which he has continued from 1889 till the present time. The same spirit of persistency, determination, ready adaptability and close application which characterized him in other relations has won for him success in his present field and he is today one of the prominent real estate men of Laramie, thoroughly conversant with the property upon the market and correct in its valuation. He has promoted many important sales and is one of the leading real estate men of Laramie.

On the 11th of August, 1874, in La Grange, Missouri, Mr. Fitch was united in marriage to Miss Lida Eaton, a daughter of the Rev. Edwin and Martha (Austin) Eaton, the former a Baptist clergyman who was a chaplain in the United States navy. Mrs. Fitch was born in Norwalk, Huron county, Ohio, a graduate of the University of Iowa, having completed her course there in the same year in which Mr. Fitch was graduated. She was a member of the Laramie school board at the time of her death. They became the parents of two children, E. E. and Robert G. Fitch. The latter, who is assistant cashier of the Albany County National Bank, married Miss Willie V. Downey, of Laramie, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Downey, who were pioneers of this state. They have become parents of three children: Virginia D., Robert G., Jr., and Dorothy. The elder son is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Fitch died February 6, 1918, in Laramie, her death causing great sorrow to her immediate family and calling forth sincere regret among her many friends.

Mr. Fitch has always given his political allegiance to the republican party, of which he is a stalwart advocate, and he served as state senator during the first and second sessions of the general assembly of Wyoming in 1890 and in 1892. He proved a valued member of the upper house through his support of many progressive measures which have been of benefit to the state and he was identified with much constructive legislation during those periods. He has also been justice and police judge of Laramie for six years, was county coroner for eight years and has held other local offices. He is a member of the Congregational church and is serving also as president of the board of trustees of the Baptist church and has done much to further their interests and upbuilding in many ways. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has filled all the chairs of the lodge, including that of master. He likewise holds membership with the Grand Army post and belongs to Phi Kappa Psi, a Greek letter fraternity. He also is a member of Wyoming Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Fitch stands very high in public regard. He has been identified with

those phases of life which have figured most prominently in connection with Wyoming's development and progress—its ranching interests, its educational system, its public offices, its fraternal organizations and its churches. In a word, his aid and influence have ever been given on the side of progress and advancement and he stands for those things which work for the uplift of the individual and the betterment of the community.

GEORGE EWER, JR.

George Ewer, Jr., was the builder of the first brick building on the east side of Main street in Evanston and from the earliest period of his connection with the city has been an important factor in furthering those projects which have had to do with its substantial upbuilding and improvement. He is now proprietor and editor of the Wyoming Times and is a well known representative of journalistic interests in the state.

He was born in Birmingham, England, January 15, 1870, and is a son of George and Jane (Neal) Ewer, who are likewise natives of England, where they remained until 1877 and then severed the ties that bound them to their native land. Crossing the Atlantic, they first took up their abode at Morgan, Utah, where the father was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Later he engaged in work at the painter's trade and at an early period in the development of Evanston there took up his abode and followed his trade, being long connected with painting in the city. Since 1902, however, he has lived retired and he has now reached the age of seventy-five years. His wife is eighty-one years of age. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are yet living: Mrs. Mary Schopp, of Evanston; Mrs. C. B. Cater, of Salt Lake City; George, Jr., of this review; and Mrs. Frank Brown, also living in Evanston.

George Ewer, Jr., was but seven years of age when his parents crossed the Atlantic and after acquiring a public school education in the city in which he now makes his home he began work in the postoffice under E. S. Hallock, who was postmaster of the city and also principal of the school. For a year Mr. Ewer was thus employed, after which he secured a position with the Cooperative Grocery Company and later was connected with the Beckwith, Quinn Grocery Company and spent eight years in that way. He was then engaged as an apprentice in the printing business with Wilson Dillon on the Evanston News, and at the end of that time became one of the proprietors of the People's Store of North Evanston under the firm name of Kirby & Ewer. Subsequently he was connected with J. F. Loudin, formerly of Lander, on the News Register. He afterward entered the employ of William Shaffer on the Uinta Herald, at Evanston, and later was with the Wyoming Press, of which G. A. McArthur was editor. Eventually he bought out the Press and continued the publication of the paper alone for eight years or until 1910, when he sold the business and plant to J. T. Booth and purchased the Wyoming Times from J. U. Allard. He has since owned and edited this paper, which is a six-column quarto weekly, published on Thursdays. It has an extensive circulation and, in connection therewith, an excellent job printing business is carried on. The plant is thoroughly modern in every particular, having the latest style presses and equipment, and the business has reached substantial and gratifying proportions.

On the 12th of March, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ewer and Miss Mary P. Cain, a daughter of John and Annie Cain and a native of eastern Indiana. They have become parents of seven children. Esther Annie, who was born in Evanston, was graduated from the public schools and is the wife of James W. Palmer, of Evanston, by whom she has two children, Elmer James and Warren Palmer, Jr. George W., born in Evanston, and Elmer C., born in Evanston, are both graduates of the high school. Benjamin F., Bernard H. and

Zelma N., all born in Evanston, are attending school. Eleene M. completes the family.

In his political views Mr. Ewer is a stalwart republican, giving loyal support to the party and doing all in his power to promote its success. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and he is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. Mr. Ewer manifests a most progressive spirit in all that he undertakes and his devotion to the general welfare is a recognized feature of his career. As previously stated, he built the first brick building on the east side of Main street in Evanston. This was in 1907. He also built the present substantial business block in which he is publishing his paper, utilizing the second floor as his printing office, while the lower story is occupied by stores. He is sole owner of these two buildings, which occupy a quarter of a block, and he also owns other valuable rental property, residences and business blocks. His new home, costing a substantial fortune, is one of the nice residences of Evanston. From his judicious investments in real estate he secures a gratifying annual income.

JOHN DWIGHT WOODRUFF.

John Dwight Woodruff, grower of sheep and cattle and also interested in real estate, mines and oil, making his home at Shoshoni, was born in the state of New York, December 20, 1846, a son of John and Lucinda (Dimick) Woodruff, who removed to Illinois, where they spent their remaining days. They had a family of eight children, of whom four are now living.

John Dwight Woodruff crossed the plains in 1862. He left Belvidere, Illinois, with a four-horse team early in the spring and arrived at Denver, which was then a small place, on the 4th of July. He remained in Colorado until the spring of 1867 and then went to Fort Laramie. From there he traveled to the South Paer gold fields and in the spring of 1868 he joined the Big Horn expedition and eventually reached Bozeman, Montana, in the fall of that year. He spent several years in prospecting, in trapping and in acting as guide. He then followed the stampede to the Black Hills in the spring of 1875 and he acted as guide for the Sheridan military expedition from Fort Washakie to the Little Big Horn. The next year he guided the Captain Mix military expedition from Fort Washakie to Fort Custer. In the summer of 1878 he located on Owl creek with the first herd of cattle that was taken to the Big Horn basin. He also built the first house in the basin and there continued cattle raising until 1882, when he closed out cattle and in 1883 engaged in the sheep business on an extensive scale.

In the spring of 1883 Mr. Woodruff was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Doty, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and they became the parents of three sons: Dwight J., who is now engaged in the garage business in Shoshoni; and Fred D. and Leon, both of whom have passed away.

Mr. Woodruff gives his political endorsement to the republican party and he served as a member of the state senate of Wyoming for Fremont county during the first and third sessions. He has occupied several minor political positions, the duties of which he has intelligently discharged. In Masonry he has attained high rank, having taken all of the intermediate degrees from the lodge up to the Shrine. He has filled most of the chairs in the order and exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit upon which the craft rests. One of the first settlers of what is now Wyoming, there is no phase of its history with which he is not familiar. The history of the early development of Wyoming would be incomplete without his record, for from the earliest founding of the town of Lander and the earlier development of Fremont county he has been a prominent factor in its substantial growth and improvement. When Wyoming was cut off from the advantages and comforts of the east by the long, hot stretches of sand and the high mountains he made his way across the plains, braving all the trials and hardships of pioneer



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life in order to make a home in this state, rich in its resources yet unclaimed from the dominion of the red men. Tales of heroism have been the theme of song and story throughout the ages, and the bravery of the man on the battlefields has stirred the souls of men through all times. All honor to such a one, and yet his heroism is no greater or his daring more pronounced than that of the honored pioneers of the west.

FRANK LESLIE CRIE, D. D. S.

Dentistry is unique among the professions. In most lines of professional activity one must be thoroughly trained in a science, but in dentistry one must have not only broad scientific knowledge but must also possess mechanical skill and ingenuity to perform the multitudinous delicate duties which occur in connection with the care and preservation of the teeth. Well qualified for the work that devolves upon him in this connection, Dr. Frank Leslie Crie, of Rock Springs, has won the liberal support of the public and the hearty endorsement of professional colleagues and contemporaries. He is among the men to whom the opportunities of the great and growing west have proved irresistible. Almost the width of the continent separates him from his birthplace, for he is a native of Maine, having been born in Criehaven on the 17th of July, 1862.

His father, Robert F. Crie, was likewise a native of the Pine Tree state, where his ancestors, who were of Scotch lineage, settled at a very early day. The founder of the family in America came to the new world with the troops of King George at the time of the Revolutionary war and served in the English navy, being discharged at Castine, Maine, after the war was over. Pleased with the new world and its opportunities as he became acquainted with them, he decided to remain and thus the family was planted on the soil of the new world. Robert F. Crie became connected with the fishing industry in Maine, thus following a pursuit to which his ancestors gave their attention. He lived and died in the Pine Tree state. His birth occurred on Matinicus island and during much of his life he resided on the island of Criehaven. He wedded Harriett A. Hall, a native of Appleton, Maine, and also a representative of one of the old families of that state of English lineage, the ancestral line being traced back to Ebenezer Hall, who was killed by the Indians during the period of the Revolutionary war when on Matinicus island. He, too, was identified with the fishing industry. Mrs. Crie, the mother of the Doctor, reached the very advanced age of eighty-eight years on the 30th of October, 1917, and still makes her home in Criehaven, Maine.

Dr. Crie was one of a family of five children, being fourth in order of birth. His early education was acquired in private schools on his native island, his youthful days being spent amid the environment of a fishing village, so that he early became familiar with various phases of seafaring life. He did not desire to continue in the occupation to which his ancestors had given their attention but became imbued with the ambition to enter upon a professional career and with that end in view matriculated in the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated with the D. D. S. degree in 1897. He had been but seventeen years of age when he started out to provide for his own support and as there was little choice of employment at the place of his nativity he, too, took up the fishing business, which he followed until 1884, when laudable ambition prompted him to further his education by pursuing a commercial course in the Rockland Business College. He then accepted a position as bookkeeper with the firm of R. Fred Crie & Company at Rockland, Maine, remaining there for a period of two years. He afterward spent one year in Florida in an orange grove and on the expiration of that period removed to Burt county, Nebraska, where he was engaged in farm work for a year. He afterward spent two years as a student in a dental office

in Oakland, Nebraska, receiving instruction from Dr. A. T. Withers, and while acting as his assistant he determined upon dentistry as a life work. Thus improving each opportunity that came to him, he gradually reached the point where he became interested in a professional line and at that time he entered the college at Baltimore, from which he was graduated, as previously stated.

Dr. Crie began practice at Ainsworth, Nebraska, where he continued successfully for a year. He afterward located at various points in the west but eventually took up his abode in Rock Springs on the 20th of June, 1907. Since then he has continuously practiced in Rock Springs and he displays marked ability in general dental work and in dental surgery. He has a well appointed office equipped with the latest improved facilities to aid in the care of the teeth and his practice has reached extensive proportions. His work is in keeping with the most advanced and scientific methods of the profession and constant study and investigation keep him thoroughly informed concerning the progressive steps made by the members of the dental fraternity.

On the 17th of February, 1892, Dr. Crie was married in Ainsworth, Nebraska, to Miss Madge M. Remy, a native of Indiana and a daughter of the late William H. and Anna Matilda (Essex) Remy. They were representatives of an old Indiana family, the father of Irish, Welsh and French descent, while the mother was of Pennsylvania Dutch and English lineage. Dr. and Mrs. Crie have become parents of two children, a son and a daughter: Robert R., who was born in Pender, Nebraska, December 23, 1892; and Frank Marie, who is the wife of Percy R. Candlin. She was born in Rockland, Maine, August 31, 1895, and is now a resident of Kersey, Colorado.

Dr. Crie and his wife are members of the Methodist church and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. They occupy an enviable social position and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Dr. Crie belongs to the Colorado State Dental Association, the Wyoming State Dental Association and the National Dental Association. He made his own way through college and thus displayed the elemental strength of his character. He attributes much of his success to the assistance and encouragement of his wife. His individual efforts, however, have enabled him to overcome obstacles and difficulties and to make steady advance in a calling where success is the direct reward of individual merit.

WILLIAM F. HAMILTON.

Important business projects have been promoted and controlled by William F. Hamilton, now one of the prominent ranch men living at Douglas. He was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1850, a son of William R. and Annie (Hamilton) Hamilton, who although of the same name were not related. The father was a farmer, real estate man and foundryman, devoting his life to those various pursuits. Both parents have passed away.

William F. Hamilton pursued a public school education and afterward attended the New Athens (Ohio) College. When his text-books were put aside he took up the occupation of farming in the east and was thus engaged until his removal westward in 1879. Arriving in Wyoming in that year, he turned his attention to the sheep industry, taking up his abode on a sheep ranch. He lived on the old government farm, fourteen miles north of Laramie, and he brought the first sheep across the Platte river into Wyoming in 1880. He homesteaded what was known as the Eighty-Six Homestead and resided thereon for six years, becoming one of the early residents of that section of the state. When the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad was built through that section of the country he took up his abode in Douglas in 1886 and since that period has made his home in the city, from which point he has directed his sheep interests. He laid out the Hamilton addition to Douglas and has been a most potent factor in



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bringing about the substantial development, progress and upbuilding of the section of the state in which he lives. He is engaged in ranching on an extensive scale and he has studied closely every point bearing upon the practical development and improvement of the region. Realizing what it would be to the district to have an adequate water supply, he became the originator of the La Prele dam and reservoir project, resulting in the building of a dam one hundred and thirty-six feet high and the construction of one hundred miles of ditch, whereby twelve thousand acres of land have been brought under cultivation. In this undertaking he was associated with Dr. Wilson and B. J. Erwin, the three men planning and carrying forward to successful completion a project which has been of untold value and worth to this section of the state. With many affairs of importance to the community Mr. Hamilton has been closely and helpfully associated. At one time he was postmaster of Douglas and at every period of his residence in the city, covering thirty-two years, he has stood for progress and improvement along lines that have produced splendid results.

In September, 1883, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Vincent, formerly of Pennsylvania and of Ohio, and their children are: Martha, the wife of D. D. Caley; Artie V., the wife of John Le Bar, who is engaged in the automobile business in Douglas; George R., who is engaged in ranching; James H., who is with the United States army in France; and William S., who is in the United States navy.

In his political views Mr. Hamilton has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and in this connection it may be mentioned that his father was one of the organizers of the underground railroad through Pennsylvania to conduct the escape of the negroes to the north. Fraternally Mr. Hamilton of this review is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is fond of hunting and outdoor life, to which he turns for rest and recreation. He has made himself a most creditable place in business circles in this section of the state and as one of the pioneer settlers his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. There was no house here at the time of his arrival and he built the first dwelling in this section of the state. He can tell the story of every phase of frontier life in this locality by reason of personal experience and his reminiscences of the early days are most interesting. In the work of general improvement he has indeed been an important factor, realizing the opportunities before the district and at all times utilizing these opportunities in the best possible way for the upbuilding of the community as well as for the advancement of his individual success. Another proof of his patriotic and public spirit may be found in the fact that he is one of the organizers and is president of the One Hundred Per Cent American Club of Douglas, Wyoming.

WILLIAM C. KINKEAD.

William C. Kinkead, a Cheyenne attorney who has engaged in the practice of law since 1894 and thus brings twenty-three years' experience to the solution of legal problems which now confront him in the care of his extensive practice, was born in Knoxville, Iowa, in April, 1869, a son of Lemuel and Mary J. (Zuck) Kinkead. The father was also a prominent attorney who devoted his life to law practice, but both he and his wife are now deceased.

Their son, William C. Kinkead, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, acquired a public and high school education in Knoxville, Iowa, and afterward entered the University of Iowa for the study of law, having determined upon law practice as his life work. He completed the full course and was graduated with the class of 1894, after which he opened an office in his native city, there remaining for thirteen years. But the opportunities of the great and growing west attracted him and in 1907 he removed to Cheyenne, where

he has now been engaged in practice for eleven years. He has much natural ability but is withal a hard student and is never contented until he has mastered every detail of his cases. He believes in the maxim: "There is no excellence without labor" and follows it closely. He is never surprised by some unexpected discovery by an opposing lawyer, for in his mind he weighs every point and fortifies himself as well for defense as for attack. He convinces by his concise statements of law and fact rather than by word painting and so high is the respect for his legal ability and integrity that his assertions in court are seldom questioned.

On the 4th of January, 1908, Mr. Kinkead was united in marriage to Miss Clare Button and they have two sons, Robert Button and Tom Harrington. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Episcopal church and Mr. Kinkead is a Mason of high standing, belonging to the consistory and to the Mystic Shrine. He is much interested in Wyoming and its development and cooperates in all well defined plans and purposes for its upbuilding. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Wyoming and with the American Bar Associations. He has made steady progress in his profession and whatever he does is for the best interests of his clients and for the honor of his chosen calling. No man gives to either a more unqualified allegiance and these qualities have won for him the admiration and respect of all who know him.

WILLIAM J. WITHERSPOON.

No history of Kemmerer would be complete without extended reference to the Kemmerer Hardware & Furniture Company, of which William J. Witherspoon is the secretary and treasurer and in which undertaking he is associated with Albert P. Heitz and R. Howard Embree. The three are most progressive and enterprising young men and their well defined plans are being carried forward to successful completion. They are today at the head of one of the most important commercial enterprises of their section of the state and are now actively engaged as well in the automobile trade.

Mr. Witherspoon is a native of Sumter, South Carolina. He was born on the 11th of November, 1888, of the marriage of S. M. and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Witherspoon, who are also natives of that state, where the family has resided for many generations. The parents of William J. Witherspoon still make their home at Sumter and the father has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. To them have been born eight children: Hugh, yet a resident of South Carolina; Robert and James, who are living in Salt Lake City, Utah; Joseph, of South Carolina; Samuel, who is now with the United States army in France; Mrs. Mary Muldrow, of South Carolina; Annie Laurie, at home; and William J., who was the fourth in order of birth.

In his boyhood days William J. Witherspoon devoted his attention largely to the acquirement of a public school education in his native town. On removing to the west he made his way to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he entered the banking business, with which he was connected for three and a half years. He then removed to Kemmerer, Wyoming, and became associated with the Kemmerer Coal Company, with which he remained for three years. He also spent three years in the employ of the Frontier Supply Company and later became associated with the Kemmerer Hardware Company. After four years he purchased stock in the business and was elected secretary and treasurer of the Kemmerer Hardware Company, with Mr. Heitz as the president and Mr. Embree as the vice president. This undertaking has proven one of the important commercial interests of the city, and still further extending their labors, the three partners of the company organized the Up-to-Date Auto Company, of which Mr. Witherspoon became the secretary and the active manager. The com-

pamy handles both the Reo and the Ford cars and maintains a well equipped garage in addition to handling all kinds of automobile accessories and supplies.

In September, 1912, Mr. Witherspoon was united in marriage to Miss Marion Christmas, a daughter of Colonel and Mrs. H. E. Christmas, the former a prominent attorney of Kemmerer. They now have two children: Robert, born in 1914; and Francis, born in 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Witherspoon hold membership in the Episcopal church and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge. In politics he is an independent democrat. He usually votes with the party but does not consider himself bound by party ties. He is one of the best known and most popular young business men of Lincoln county and aside from his business has those qualities which have won for him the warm friendship and kindly regard of all with whom he has been associated.

THEODORE DIERS.

Theodore Diers, cashier of the Citizens State Bank at Sheridan, was born at Seward, Nebraska, December 4, 1880, his parents being Herman and Annie (Schulte) Diers. The father removed to Nebraska from the state of Iowa in 1869 and the following year established a general merchandise store in the town of Seward. In the same year he was married to Annie Schulte and both are still residents of Seward, being numbered among the highly respected people of that city.

Theodore Diers acquired a public school education in Seward and afterward attended the Lincoln Business College at Lincoln, Nebraska. He started upon his business career as bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Seward when seventeen years of age and two years afterward was elected to the position of assistant cashier. In 1909 he came to Wyoming, where he opened the Clearmont State Bank in the town of Clearmont and in August of that year was employed as cashier. In March, 1910, he removed to Sheridan and assisted in the organization of the Citizens State Bank, of which he has since been cashier. In 1912 he was elected president of the Clearmont State Bank and still continues in that capacity. He is also treasurer of the Sheridan Building & Loan Association and is thus actively interested in financial affairs in his section of the state.

Mr. Diers is identified with several fraternal organizations. He is identified with the Masons as a member of the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine and he is prominently known in the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, having been a past exalted ruler of Sheridan Lodge of Elks in 1913 and district deputy grand exalted ruler of Wyoming in 1916. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and in 1912 he was elected to the lower house of the Wyoming legislature, where he made so creditable a record that in 1914 he was elected state senator from Sheridan county and served in the sessions of 1915 and 1917. In August of the latter year he was appointed federal food administrator for the state of Wyoming by President Wilson, and he is a member of the Wyoming State Council of National Defense, standing staunchly for those interests which uphold the national policy in this period of stress when America is bearing her part in the effort to save the world for democracy.

LAWRENCE E. ARMSTRONG.

Lawrence E. Armstrong, actively engaged in the practice of law at Rawlins, was born in Jackson, Ohio, October 21, 1868, and was the eldest of the ten children of Washington and Salletha (Dyson) Armstrong, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state, where they continued to reside throughout their



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entire lives. The father devoted his attention to farming, but at the time of the Civil war put aside all business and personal considerations to respond to the country's call for troops, joining the Second Ohio Heavy Artillery as a private for three years' service, thereby demonstrating his unfaltering loyalty. He died in Ohio in 1887 but his widow is still living in Jackson, that state.

In his boyhood days Lawrence E. Armstrong became a pupil in the public schools of Jackson county, Ohio, and afterward pursued a preparatory course in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1891. Later he attended Ohio University and won the Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1894. He then took up the profession of teaching in 1895 and was identified with the schools of Rawlins and of Carbon county, Wyoming, for three years, but he regarded teaching merely as an initial step to other professional labor and in 1901 completed a course in the law department of Columbia University, which institution in the previous year had conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. In 1901 he opened a law office in Rawlins and through the intervening period has built up a large practice that ranks him with the leading attorneys of the state. Mr. Armstrong has made steady progress in his law practice and his success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capability. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial.

On the 29th of April, 1903, in Denver, Mr. Armstrong was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Bingner, a daughter of H. G. and Anna Bingner. They have become parents of three children: John Reuel, who was born in Rawlins in 1904 and is now attending high school; L. E., who was born in 1906; and Anna, born in 1916.

Mr. Armstrong is a Mason, connected with both the York and Scottish Rites, and he enjoys the highest regard of his brethren of the fraternity because of his close conformity to its advanced ethical standards. He has social qualities which render him popular and he is held in the highest esteem throughout Rawlins and wherever he is known. For four years he was a resident of Denver, where he was engaged in the investment business, but with the exception of that period he has continuously devoted his attention to his profession since his admission to the bar and his ability has brought him to a creditable standing among the lawyers of his adopted state.

HENRY D. BALLARD.

Henry D. Ballard, operating extensively and successfully in the real estate field in Douglas, was born in Allegany county, New York, in 1842, a son of Moses R. and Eliza (Beecher) Ballard, both of whom have passed away. They lived, however, to an advanced age and reared a family of eleven children.

In the public schools Henry D. Ballard began his education, which he continued in the Iowa City University. He afterward concentrated his efforts and attention upon general agricultural pursuits, which he successfully followed until January 25, 1916, when he removed to Wyoming. For a number of years he also conducted a commercial college at Lincoln, Nebraska, having removed to that state in 1910. Upon coming to Wyoming he opened a real estate office in Douglas and has since negotiated many important realty transfers. He has thoroughly informed himself concerning property values in his city and county and has gained many clients by reason of his honorable business methods and his progressiveness. In addition to his real estate business he is conducting a ranch which he owns. While throughout his entire life he has largely concentrated his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, at the time of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal interests in order to espouse the cause of the Union and for a brief period was with a cavalry company, after which

he joined Company A of the Twenty-third Iowa Infantry, with which he saw about three years of active service on southern battlefields.

On the 2d of November, 1884, Mr. Ballard was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Corcoran and to them have been born a son and a daughter. Mr. Ballard has ever been a great student of history and he is much interested in Wyoming and its development, contributing in active and helpful measure to the work of progress and improvement. His religious faith is that of the Unitarian church and fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a republican and he is a broad-minded man who looks at all important questions without partisanship and stands at all times for progress and improvement. He maintains pleasant relations with his old military comrades through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and he is as true and loyal to his country in days of peace as when he followed the stars and stripes upon the battlefields of the south.

WARREN RICHARDSON.

Warren Richardson, one of the county commissioners of Laramie county and widely and favorably known throughout the county and especially in Cheyenne, where he makes his home, was born on the 30th of October, 1864, in Indianapolis, Indiana, a son of Warren and Mary A. (Kabis) Richardson. The father was a man of prominence in the communities in which he lived. He filled the office of county clerk in 1874 and was a city councilman of Cheyenne, during which time he did much toward developing the beautiful park system of the city, and was also county superintendent of schools. He was likewise well known as an author and in financial circles through his connection with the First National Bank of Cheyenne and his activities thus contributed to the material development and upbuilding of the district in which he lived. His last days were spent in Seattle, Washington, where he passed away in March, 1908. His widow survives and is now living in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Warren Richardson, born in Indiana, became a resident of Wyoming in 1869, the family home being established at Cheyenne, where he pursued a public and high school education, making good use of his opportunities in that direction and thus laying a substantial foundation for his success in later life. In his youthful days he began learning the printer's trade and after working in that way for a time turned his attention to ranching and the live stock business. Through all the intervening years to the present he has been an active factor in the development of Laramie county along various lines. He has been not only associated with its live stock interests but has been frequently called upon to serve in positions of public honor and trust. He is now chairman of the board of county commissioners of Laramie county for a term of four years that will extend from 1915 until 1919. He is a most active factor in promoting the good roads movement and is the consul for Laramie county in connection with the Lincoln Highway project, of which he is heartily in favor. He has closely studied the question of good roads and is a staunch advocate of every practical movement to improve the highways, recognizing how beneficial this is when judged from the standpoint of economics, of utility and of comfort. Mr. Richardson originated the idea of a combined city and county building and under his regime the beautiful building was begun and almost completed. He is watchful of every indication that has to do with the upbuilding and progress of his community in any way and he has become associated with the work of developing the oil regions of the state, having been active in this field for thirty years, his labors having been carried on in the Salt Creek and Big Muddy districts.

Mr. Richardson is a stalwart champion of the republican party. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason, belonging to Wyoming Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., and he is also identified with Korein Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Rawlins.



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He has membership with the Elks Lodge, No. 660, and Phoenix Lodge, No. 144, Woodmen of the World. He is thus well known in fraternal circles and is in hearty sympathy with the beneficent spirit which underlies these organizations. He enjoys hunting and fishing and indulges his taste for those sports when leisure permits but places business and official interests first and is making a most creditable record as county commissioner, giving to the county as chairman of the board a most efficient and progressive and businesslike administration, during which many thousands of dollars of back taxes were collected and the county put on a cash basis for the first time in many years.

CHESTER E. HARRIS, M. D.

Dr. Chester E. Harris, associated in the ownership of the Basin Hospital at Basin, Wyoming, with Dr. Herbert T. Harris, was born in Algiers, Indiana, September 6, 1881, his parents being James Finley and Josephine Harris, the former also a physician. With the removal of the family to Ogden, Illinois, he continued his education in the schools of that city until graduated with the class of 1897. He afterward entered the preparatory school of the University of Illinois, which he attended in 1898 and 1899. He then became a student in the University of Illinois and won his Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation with the class of 1902. The following year his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree and in 1906 he completed a medical course in the State University of Illinois, winning his M. D. degree at that date. He was then a member of the house staff of the Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago from 1906 until 1908 and through hospital experience gained that broad knowledge and efficiency which can never be as quickly acquired in any other way as in hospital work. He afterward opened an office in Chicago, where he remained in active practice from 1908 until 1912. In the latter year he removed to Basin, Wyoming, to become joint owner with Dr. Herbert T. Harris of the Basin Hospital, which they have since conducted. In the same year he was made county physician of Bighorn county and has since served in that capacity.

In Chicago, Illinois, on the 14th of April, 1910, Dr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Adriana Van Eenenaam, a daughter of Dick Van Eenenaam and Rica (Vyan) Van Eenenaam. Dr. and Mrs. Harris have one child, Frances Josephine.

In his political views Dr. Harris is an earnest republican and in 1915 was elected coroner of Bighorn county, which position he is now filling. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and along strictly professional lines he has membership with the Northwestern Wyoming Medical Society, of which he is the vice president, the Wyoming State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Through the meetings of these different organizations he keeps in touch with the trend of modern scientific thought, investigation and progress and readily adapts progressive ideas to the needs of his private practice.

HON. EDWARD E. JOHNSON.

Hon. Edward E. Johnson, filling the dual position of justice of the peace and police judge of Rock Springs, was born in Madelia, Minnesota, June 26, 1866, his parents being Eric and Cenia (Iverson) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Norway, whence they crossed the Atlantic to the new world, first establishing their home in Illinois. They afterward became pioneer residents of Minnesota, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1894. His

widow still survives and is yet a resident of Minnesota. In their family were nine children, seven sons and two daughters.

Edward E. Johnson, who was the second in order of birth in that family, pursued his education in the public schools of Minnesota and afterward removed to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he resided for four years, working along various lines in order to provide for his support. In 1892 he arrived in Rock Springs, after which he was employed by the Union Pacific Coal Company and also as a switchman by the Union Pacific Railway Company, spending his time in that manner until 1902, when he was made justice of the peace, in which capacity he has since continued, making an excellent record by the fair and impartial manner in which he discharges his duties. In 1910 he was elected police judge of the city and is now occupying those offices, his excellent record being indicated by his long retention in these positions.

On the 19th of January, 1895, Judge Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Walter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Walter, of Rock Springs, and they have become the parents of two children: Bessie, who was born in Rock Springs in 1896; and Clarice, born in 1901. The former is a high school graduate and has also pursued a business course, while now she is with the Stock Growers Mercantile Company. The younger daughter is a student in high school.

Fraternally Judge Johnson is connected with the Eagles, in which he is filling the office of treasurer, and with the Loyal Order of Moose, in which he is serving as secretary. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Judge Johnson is held in high regard in the community in which he makes his home not only by reason of his loyalty and fidelity in business but also by reason of a genuine personal worth that has won for him wide popularity.

JOSEPH L. WICKS, M. D.

Dr. Joseph L. Wicks, a physician and surgeon of Evanston and vice president of the Stock Growers Bank of that city, was born in Polk, Ashland county, Ohio, December 24, 1870, his father being the late Christian Wicks, who was a native of Ohio and a descendant of one of the old Pennsylvania families of German lineage. Christian Wicks was a carriage builder by trade and resided for many years in Ashland county, Ohio, there remaining until called to his final rest. He was quite successful in his business affairs and thus left to his family a comfortable competence when in February, 1899, he passed away at the age of sixty-four years. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Summers and was born in Ohio, her death occurring in Polk, Ashland county, in May, 1913, when she had reached the age of seventy-two years. By her marriage she had become the mother of six children.

Dr. Wicks, who was the fifth in order of birth, acquired a public school education in his native county and afterward became a student in Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio. Later he entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, in 1894, spending a year in that institution. In 1896 he entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus and was graduated therefrom on the 5th of April, 1898. He first entered upon the active work of his profession in Fairfield, Ohio, where he continued for six months, after which he removed to the west, making his way directly to Evanston, Wyoming. He arrived in that city an entire stranger on the 24th of December, 1898, and entered upon active practice, being first associated with Dr. R. Harvey Reed, of Rock Springs, who was superintendent of the Wyoming State Hospital. After three months' service there Dr. Wicks returned to Evanston and has since been in continuous and active general practice, in which he has met with a substantial measure of success. He belongs to the Wyoming State and the American Medical Associations and something of his high professional standing is indicated in the fact that he was for several years elected

to the office of treasurer of the former and at one time was chosen as its president. His colleagues and contemporaries accord him high professional standing and the public has given expression of its confidence in his ability in the liberal patronage accorded him. Aside from his profession he is well known in financial circles as vice president of the Stock Growers Bank.

On the 28th of June, 1899, in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Wicks was united in marriage to Miss Erma A. List, a native of Ohio and a daughter of George and Alice (Aid) List, early residents of Ohio and representatives of old families of Pennsylvania. Dr. and Mrs. Wicks have become parents of two children, both born in Evanston: Josephine, born July 22, 1902; and Lucille, born May 15, 1913.

Politically Dr. Wicks is a republican and for two years he filled the office of coroner, to which position he was elected in 1900. He also serves as county health officer, having occupied the position since 1900, and he was a member of the state board of health from 1906 until 1910. He has always taken an active interest in politics and in civic matters and he served from 1913 until 1917 as a member of the city council of Evanston, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many well defined plans and measures for the public good. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine, being identified with the temple at Rawlins. He has filled all of the chairs in both the chapter and commandery and is a loyal exemplar of the craft. His family is connected with the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Wicks and his wife occupy an enviable position in social circles and enjoy the warm regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact. He holds to high standards in professional service and by reason of his laudable ambition he has made steady progress along professional lines and today ranks with the most skilled and able physicians and surgeons not only of Evanston but of all western Wyoming.

ROBERT R. ROSE.

Robert R. Rose, county attorney of Lincoln county and owner and publisher of the Kemmerer Camera, is a well known and valued citizen of Kemmerer, with the public interests of which he has been closely and helpfully associated for a number of years. He is a western man and the spirit of western enterprise and progress finds exemplification in his career.

He was born at Tripp, South Dakota, October 15, 1880. His father, William H. Rose, is a resident of Denver, Colorado, and a native of the state of New York. His ancestors had settled there prior to the Revolutionary war, the family having been founded in America by William Rose, who was of English birth. He was one of a family of seven brothers, all of whom served in the Revolutionary war. William H. Rose, father of Robert R. Rose of this review, was reared and educated in the Empire state and afterward went to Wisconsin in 1860. He was there living at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and responded to the country's call for troops, serving at the front for three years with the Twenty-third Wisconsin Infantry or until hostilities had closed. His father, W. W. Rose, was also a member of the same regiment. After the war William H. Rose returned to Wisconsin but soon removed to Iowa and later to South Dakota, where he continued his residence until 1889. He then went to Denver, Colorado, where he engaged in the fire insurance business, in which he continued for twenty-three years, becoming one of the best known and most successful representatives of fire insurance in that city. He is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life and marked business enterprise. In politics he always affiliated with the republican party from the time that age conferred upon him the right of franchise until 1896, when he joined the ranks of the democratic party. He wedded Maria Huntington, a native of Canada and a direct descendant of Samuel Huntington, who was one of the signers



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of the Declaration of Independence. She is also living and of their family of eight children seven yet survive.

Robert R. Rose was the seventh in order of birth among their children. The public schools afforded him his educational opportunities and after attending the high school of Denver he continued his studies in the University of Denver, there preparing for the practice of law, and in due time he was graduated with the class of 1906, at which time the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him. Prior to that date, however, he was associated with his father in the fire insurance business and later continued for several years in the same line of business on his own account, representing several of the large eastern companies. After his graduation he devoted his attention to the conduct of an insurance agency in Denver until 1911, when he entered upon the practice of law in Denver, continuing there until 1914. On the 19th of April of that year he arrived in Kemmerer, where he opened an office and has since been engaged in active practice. He is an able lawyer, with a mind naturally analytical, logical and inductive, and his clear reasoning constitutes one of the forceful elements in his growing success at the bar. He is most devoted to the interests of his clients and never fails to give a thorough preparation before he enters the court, so that he is well qualified for defense as well as for attack. Aside from his duties as a member of the bar he is engaged in newspaper publication, being the owner and editor of the Kemmerer Camera, a weekly journal which is regarded as the leading paper of Lincoln county. Mr. Rose is also a director of several local business corporations and his activity and enterprise are constituting an important element in the continued growth and development of this section of the state.

On the 25th of July, 1913, at Colorado Springs, Colorado, Mr. Rose was married to Miss Eleanor Virginia Bronaugh, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Perry S. and Martha (Burke) Bronaugh. The father is now a resident of Auburn, Illinois, but the mother has passed away. She was a representative of an old Kentucky family of Irish lineage, while the Bronaugh family comes of French ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Rose have one son, Robert Arthur, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 1, 1915.

Politically Mr. Rose is a democrat, taking a somewhat active interest in the work of the party, and he is now filling the position of county and prosecuting attorney of Lincoln county. He belongs to the Wyoming State Bar Association and he is a member of the Kemmerer Chamber of Commerce, which he aided in organizing. His membership relations extend to Albert Pike Lodge, No. 117, A. F. & A. M., of Denver, Colorado, from which he was demitted to Kemmerer Lodge, No. 33. He is a loyal follower of the craft, believing heartily in its principles concerning the brotherhood of mankind. He is likewise a member of St. James Episcopal church at Kemmerer and the teachings of that denomination have been a guiding force in his life. Mr. Rose is a man of sterling worth, of marked strength of character, of keen intellect, of progressive spirit, and by reason of his inherent power and his laudable ambition he has worked his way upward steadily, advancing step by step and at each point in his career gaining a broader outlook and wider opportunities, which he has eagerly utilized. His position, as established by the consensus of public opinion, is with the highly honored and representative journalists and lawyers of western Wyoming.

THOMAS H. SIMPSON.

Thomas H. Simpson is the president and treasurer of the Laramie Grocery Company of Laramie, Wyoming, and his business record is one which should serve to inspire and encourage others, for he is of that splendid type of a self-made man which is distinctly a product of American conditions, American opportunities and American enterprise and hard-headed common sense. Starting out to provide for his own support when a youth of thirteen, his course has been marked by

steady progress, for he has wisely utilized his time, his talents and his opportunities. A modern writer has trenchantly expressed it that "Success depends upon a time-table, not upon a map." In other words, every community holds its opportunities but the one who sees and utilizes these chances is the individual who attains success. Not all days in the career of Thomas H. Simpson have been equally bright, but with unflinching courage he has pushed his way upward and each forward step has brought him a broader outlook.

He was born on the island of Campobello, in New Brunswick, Canada, July 15, 1862, and is a son of the late James D. Simpson, who passed away in New Brunswick in 1875, when forty-four years of age. He was a native of Nova Scotia and was of Scotch descent. For years he was a seafaring man and in his later life became connected with the fishing industry. He married Lydia Mitchell, a native of Campobello, who long survived him, her death occurring in March, 1914, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. She was the mother of eleven children, ten of whom were born of her first marriage and one by her second.

Thomas H. Simpson was the fifth in order of birth in her family. He was educated in his native country but his opportunities were somewhat limited, for when a youth of thirteen he faced the necessity of providing for his own maintenance. Starting out to earn his livelihood, he was first employed at fishing and became connected with his father in the fishing industry, which he followed after his father's death. He then left Canada and crossed the border into the United States, making his way to Wyoming. He settled in Laramie in 1879, then a youth of seventeen years and a comparative stranger in this section of the country. However, he had a sister, Mrs. Delina McKenzie, living in Laramie, she and her husband having been pioneer settlers of the city, but both are now deceased. After reaching Laramie Mr. Simpson was employed by W. L. Kidd, a pioneer merchant, and subsequently was in the employ of James D. Bannon, a pioneer grocerymen of the city. He likewise spent one season in the employ of Phil Mandel, a pioneer ranchman, for he desired a change of occupation and wanted to enter outdoor life. He acted as foreman of the ranch during that period and later he was in the grocery house of Mr. Bannon for a year. In 1882 he became connected with the Trading Commercial Company of Laramie, with which he remained for fifteen years, working his way upward from the humble position of delivery clerk to that of manager of the business, which was the largest mercantile enterprise in the state. In 1898 Mr. Simpson resigned his position and organized the Laramie Trading Company, incorporating the business in 1901. Prior to that date it had been conducted as a partnership affair but on the incorporation Mr. Simpson became president and treasurer, with Herman Hegewald as vice president and Howard R. Ingham as secretary. Mr. Simpson also extended his activities into the field of banking, becoming the first president of the First State Bank of Laramie, which he aided in organizing and incorporating. He is thus a prominent figure in commercial and financial circles and as such is contributing much to the development and upbuilding of his city.

In Laramie, in 1887, Mr. Simpson was united in marriage to Miss Jennie E. Welch, a native of Michigan and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Welch, who were early residents of the Wolverine state but have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have two living children: Edna, who is the wife of A. W. Royer, a shoe merchant of Laramie; and Harry T., who is a traveling salesman.

Mr. Simpson votes with the republican party and is a firm believer in its principles. At one time he served as a member of the city council of Laramie but has not been an active office seeker, preferring to do his duties to the public as a private citizen. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and he is serving as one of its vestrymen. His chief diversion comes through fishing and hunting and when leisure permits he indulges his love of those sports. His time and attention, however, have been most largely concentrated upon his business affairs and

steadily he has advanced. Fortunate in possessing character and ability that inspire confidence in others, the simple weight of these characteristics have carried him into important connections.

MOSES PATRICK KEEFE.

Prominent in the business circles of Cheyenne is Moses Patrick Keefe, who is the owner and general manager of the National Lumber Company and is thus active in controlling important interests. A native of Ireland, he was born on the 25th of September, 1853, a son of Michael and Margaret (Quinn) Keefe. The Keefe family is an old one in Ireland and the father was a man of much influence there. He stood for the people as against the landlord system, but was always loyal to his government. However, he was for a time exiled from Ireland and spent that time in England, Scotland and America, but was later permitted to return to his native land to spend his remaining days. Both he and his wife have now passed away. They became the parents of four daughters and six sons, but only two of the daughters are now living, namely, Mrs. McGarvey, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mrs. Lyons, of Boston, while the only surviving son of the family is the subject of this review.

Moses P. Keefe was the sixth in order of birth. He was educated in Ireland but left school at the age of thirteen years and learned the building trade in his native country. He remained a resident of the Emerald isle until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he crossed the Atlantic alone to the new world and became a resident of Decatur, Illinois. He was also in Chicago at the time of the great conflagration in October, 1871. He was actively employed there at mechanical work and was foreman for two big companies of those days—Gould & Company and Call & Kraft. Leaving the middle west, he made his way to Cheyenne, Wyoming, during the money panic in Chicago in 1873, but in the year after returned and remained until 1876. He then again came to Cheyenne. At the time of the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia he heard of the Custer massacre, which determined him to come to Wyoming and take up his permanent abode in order to aid in reclaiming the region for the purposes of civilization. He spent the fall and winter of 1876 and 1877 at Deadwood in the Black Hills of South Dakota, after which he returned to the Big Horn country, remaining at Fort McKinney and at Fort Laramie until June, 1877. He worked, by the day, at the building trade until he began business on his own account. In 1879 he went to Leadville, Colorado, but afterward returned to Cheyenne and opened a shop for the conduct of a contracting business, in which he was continuously engaged from 1879 until 1914. Through the intervening period of almost forty years he has contributed in marked measure to substantial growth and improvement of the city. He built the main portion of the state capitol building, most of the public schools of Cheyenne, also the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the Knights of Pythias block, the First National Bank building, the Wyoming Trust & Savings Bank building, the Catholic cathedral and other substantial structures. He built half of Fort Russell and as a contractor he continued an active factor in promoting the improvement of the city until 1914. He also built Fort Crook near Omaha, a million dollar contract, and more recently built Fort Omaha, Fort Meade and has done other government work at Fort Robinson. He was likewise the builder of the post at Spokane. Beginning with January, 1899, he was for eighteen months in Cuba with General Brooks and remodeled a number of Spanish buildings, making them sanitary. All of his government service and fort work are highly satisfactory. In 1910 he established the National Lumber & Mill Company and has a complete planing mill, equipped to do all kinds of mill work. His plant covers the greater portion of two city blocks. It is the largest plant in Wyoming and its equipment is thoroughly modern.



M. O. Keeffe

In October, 1877, Mr. Keefe was united in marriage in Chicago to Miss Eliza Gaynor Kewley, a daughter of James Kewley, one of the very old settlers of Chicago, arriving at that location when Fort Dearborn was still standing. Mrs. Keefe passed away in March, 1895. She had become the mother of seven children, five daughters and two sons, of whom Elmer J. is now associated with his father in business. For his second wife, seven years later, Mr. Keefe chose Miss Elizabeth Tilton, a daughter of Meese Tilton, of old Virginia stock that half a century before removed to Kansas and became pioneers of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Keefe have two sons and a daughter.

In politics Mr. Keefe is a republican and served as a member of the ninth assembly of the territorial legislature in 1886. He has been county commissioner for two terms and a member of the city council for a number of terms. He was also mayor of Cheyenne for two years, in 1902 and 1903, but while he has always made an excellent officer through the prompt and faithful discharge of his duties, he prefers home life to the activity of political office. While he was mayor of Cheyenne the first Granite Springs dam was built. It supplies the largest part of Cheyenne with its water. It holds over one billion two hundred million gallons. Mr. Keefe superintended its building and the construction work was most carefully and conscientiously done. It is said to be one of the finest dams in the world. Fraternally Mr. Keefe is a Mason of high rank. He has taken all the various degrees up to and including the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite and he has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Industrial Club and to the Cheyenne Club and there is no phase of public life or development in the community in which he is not interested. He stands at all times for progress and improvement and his efforts along business and official lines and as a private citizen have all contributed to the growth, development and upbuilding of this section of the state. He is a man wholly self-made, possessed of fine executive ability, and will always "deliver the goods." He is respected and honored by all who know him and most of all where he is best known.

LEROY E. FOSNER, M. D.

Dr. Leroy E. Fosner, a physician and surgeon practicing at Evanston, where he is also conducting the Woodlawn Hospital, is a native son of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Rochester, Fulton county, that state, on the 11th of August, 1880, his parents being Ellis and Emma (Reader) Fosner, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared, educated and married. Removing westward, they took up their abode in Indiana when that was still a frontier state and the father there engaged in farming throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in Fulton county in 1888, when he was but twenty-nine years of age. His widow still resides in Rochester and is now fifty-four years of age. In their family were three children: Mrs. Fred Izzard, living in Lewistown, Montana; Mrs. D. O. McCoy, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Leroy E.

Through the period of his youth Dr. Fosner was a pupil in the public schools of Rochester, Indiana, and in the Rochester Normal University, in which he pursued a course in the scientific department and also a course in the commercial department. He was graduated on the completion of the former in 1904 and on the completion of his commercial course in 1906. He resolved after a careful consideration of the broad field of business and the opportunities offered along many lines to concentrate his efforts and attention upon a professional career, and with that end in view he entered the Indiana State University as a medical student and was graduated on the completion of a four years' course with the class of 1911. He began practice in connection with the state government service at

Meadow Creek, Washington, and had charge of the government hospital which was maintained in connection with the North Yakima reclamation project. He there remained until October 5, 1913, at which date he arrived in Evanston and opened an office for the private practice of his profession. He has since been one of the resident physicians of the city and has made substantial progress as a physician and surgeon. On the 14th of May, 1914, he opened the Woodlawn Hospital at Evanston, which is thoroughly modern in its equipment and in the methods there followed. There is now capacity for fifteen patients and the most thorough and scientific care is given to these. Dr. Fosner keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought and investigation having to do with the practice of medicine and surgery and his pronounced ability has gained him the wide recognition of his colleagues and contemporaries. He is serving as county physician of Uinta county and he belongs to the Wyoming State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Fosner was married to Mrs. E. B. Hoen, the widow of Henry Hoen and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stone. Mrs. Fosner was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the marriage was celebrated in Ogden, Utah, in November, 1913. Dr. Fosner is a Mason, affiliated with Lodge No. 282, A. F. & A. M. of Campbellsburg, Indiana, and the Chapter No. 90, R. A. M., at Rochester, Indiana, and he is also connected with the encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Evanston, Wyoming. He is widely known because of his high professional attainments and his growing skill, and his fellow townsmen and his professional colleagues attest his worth both as a man and as a representative of the medical profession.

GEORGE W. ACE.

George W. Ace, actively engaged in the furniture, hardware and undertaking business at Rock Springs, was born near Scranton, in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1860, a son of John and Christiana (Jennings) Ace. The mother was born in Pennsylvania, but her people were from Lancastershire, England. The paternal grandfather came from Germany and took up the occupation of farming as a life work, and the father was born in Monroe county, Pennsylvania. On leaving the east he removed to Hastings, Nebraska, where he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining days. Both he and his wife passed away in Hastings, his death occurring in 1899, while Mrs. Ace departed this life in 1894. In their family were seven children, five of whom are yet living: Mrs. Rose Kintner, a resident of Pennsylvania; William, who has made his home at Rock Springs since 1883; Mrs. Alice Kintner, also of Pennsylvania; Norman, living in eastern Colorado; and George W., of this review, who was the fourth in order of birth. The oldest daughter died near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in 1906, and the youngest son in 1898, at the age of twenty-eight years, in Hastings, Nebraska.

At the usual age George W. Ace became a pupil in the public schools of Pennsylvania and his educational training there was supplemented by a year's study in Nebraska following the removal of the family to the west. He afterward worked upon his father's farm until he attained his majority and then started out in life on his own account. He made his way to Butte, Montana, and was employed in the Anaconda mines for a year. He afterward returned to Nebraska, where he engaged in farming for eight years and then sold his interests in that state. Subsequently he took up his abode in Oregon and devoted his attention to farming south of the city of Albany for four years, on the expiration of which period he became a resident of Rock Springs in 1897 and turned his attention to the furniture and undertaking business in connection with his brother. He bought out the business in 1909 and has since conducted his commercial interests on an extensive scale. He has one of the largest stores of



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. ACE

furniture and undertaking goods in Rock Springs and Sweetwater county, and his business has reached extensive and gratifying proportions.

At Rock Springs, on the 23d of November, 1909, Mr. Ace was united in marriage to Harriet A. (Lockwood) Kemp, whose father was killed in the Civil war when the daughter was only about two years of age. By a former marriage Mr. Ace had three children. Roy, born in Hastings, Nebraska, was graduated from the high school of Rock Springs and is now married and resides in San Pedro, California, where he is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. Edna, born in Hastings, Nebraska, was graduated from the Rock Springs high school and is now married and resides in Los Angeles, California. Geneva, born in Albany, Oregon, resides in Long Beach, California.

Mr. Ace is a prominent Mason, belonging to the York Rite as well as to the Mystic Shrine. He is very active in Masonic circles and is a prominent representative of the craft, exemplifying in his life the beneficent spirit upon which it is based. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Eastern Star. His political endorsement is given to the republican party but he has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church, in which he has served as treasurer for five years. He has traveled extensively over this country and is a broad-minded and cultured gentleman who by thrift and industry has reached a high and creditable position in Rock Springs' business circles.

F. S. KING BROTHERS COMPANY.

The F. S. King Brothers Company of Laramie is the one Wyoming industry that is the foremost of its kind in America, enjoying not only a national reputation but one that extends to every country on the face of the globe where the wool and sheep industry is represented in any degree of modern development. The history of this company is but a record of the perseverance, application and clean, businesslike methods of three brothers—Francis S., Herbert J. and Joseph H. King—during the period of their respective identification with the business. Its modest beginning is well remembered by the older residents of Albany county, while the early struggles of the King brothers as young men make their subsequent success a well earned reward. Superior men in every way, they would have made a success of any business that they might have taken up. In the sheep business each one seemed to fit into a different branch of the work and thus the brothers constituted a most formidable combination, working toward results that had to bring success.

Francis S. King was the first of the brothers to become connected with the sheep industry in Wyoming. This was in the middle '80s, when he entered the employ of Paul Pascoe, an old-time sheep man operating in what is now Albany county. Mr. King gradually acquired an interest in the flock and in 1888 was joined by his brother, Herbert J., who had come direct from England. The two brothers had individual and partnership interests with Mr. Pascoe at different times until 1892, when they severed connections with him and branched out in the business together under the style of King Brothers. In the meantime, or in the year 1891, their younger brother, Joseph H., had come from England and entered their employ. In 1895, Joseph H. King acquired an interest in the business and in 1898 a partnership was formed under the style of F. S. King Brothers, the business being so continued until June 30, 1904, when it was incorporated as the F. S. King Brothers Company, with Francis S. King as president, Herbert J. King as vice president and Joseph H. King as secretary and treasurer. The firm name has never since been changed but the personnel of the firm changed in 1915, when Herbert J. and Joseph H. purchased the interest of their brother,

Francis S., who retired from the business, since which time Herbert J. has been the president, with A. C. Jones as vice president and Joseph H. King as secretary and treasurer.

As range sheep men originally, the King brothers had given considerable more attention to breeding and its results than the average sheep man of that time, and noting the beneficial results achieved, they gradually went into the breeding business. They first bought Glide ewes in California and select Merino ewes from Oregon, breeding them to Shattuck and King Merino rams. Their first flock header ram was McKinley, bred by Shattuck & King and sired by Shattuck & King's "Chance," the grand champion at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, while McKinley's dam was Lady Burwell, also grand champion at Chicago in 1893. Merino blood predominated among these breeders until 1901, when at the Omaha exposition they purchased their first Rambouillet ram, Ray R. 25, whose sire and dam were born on the water en route to America with a German importation to the Chicago World's Fair. This ram was crossed with the best Merino blood, producing a large increase in size and a smoothness in body, showing marked progress in breeding and established beyond all question of doubt the advantage and desirability of the Rambouillet blood. Ever on the alert to secure the best breeding, they purchased at the St. Louis exposition in 1904 the first prize yearling Rambouillet ram, Lockwood and Markham No. 11, and from A. E. Green, of Orchard Lake, Michigan, who had the grand champion Rambouillet ewe at the St. Louis exposition, they bought a number of ewes, as well as from A. A. Wood & Son of Saline, Michigan. Others of this same strain were purchased as the foundation of their registered flock. From time to time the finest ewes from the best breeders in the world have been added, coming from such flocks as Lockwood, Markham, Chapman, Eager, Owen, Lincoln, Moore, Bates and Wyckoff. When the latter flock was discontinued they purchased all the young ewes it contained. Among the noted rams that have been used in building up their Rambouillet flock was A. A. Wood & Son, No. 1, sire of Kaiser, grand champion at all the leading fairs of the country; and Beaconsfield Wycoff No. 762, undefeated ram of America and probably as grand an animal of his strain as ever lived, never being defeated in the show ring. At Denver, in 1908, he was awarded the championship over all breeds. At the National Wool Growers' Association in Helena, Montana, the same year he was grand champion. He weighed three hundred and twenty-eight pounds and clipped as high as forty-two pounds. As a sire his record for getting prize winners has never been equalled. Among the animals sired by Beaconsfield, were Hercules, a two-year-old prize ram at the Seattle exposition that was sold to the United States government for twelve hundred and fifty dollars; Johnny Bull, for whom an offer of fifteen hundred dollars was refused; Lion; King's Model; Laramie Boy, twice grand champion at the Chicago International Stock Show; Wyoming Boy, also a grand champion at the International Stock Show. The high character of Beaconsfield as a sire will be shown when it is recorded that nine thousand dollars worth of his yearling rams were sold in one season.

On the death of the great Beaconsfield, representatives of the King Brothers Company scoured the country in search of an animal to replace him. The search resulted in the purchase of Ben Hur, a two-year-old and grand champion of the year and sire of every prize winner at the Michigan State Fair that year. Ben Hur proved a noted sire, among his get being Thickset, King's Chief, Longfellow, Ben Hur, Jr. Of these animals, Thickset was the grand champion at Chicago in 1913 and was the sire of Thickset, Jr. and Pride of the West who was the first prize yearling at the Chicago International Stock Show in 1916, as well as being the first prize aged ram at the same show in 1917. Pride of the West was also sire of first prize pen of lambs get of sire, first prize ram and ewe lamb and champion ram and ewe at the Chicago International Show in 1917. Twenty-five hundred dollars has been refused for Pride of the West and seven hundred dollars was refused for his first ram lamb.

At the sale of stock in Salt Lake City in August, 1917, King's Big Chief, the

largest Rambouillet ram on record, sold for thirteen hundred dollars. He weighed four hundred pounds, was five feet eight and three-fourths inches long, three feet six inches high and six feet seven inches girth.

The King Brothers Company for a number of years only showed its stock at smaller fairs, their first display being at Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1903, the first Wyoming State Fair, where big competition was encountered, and there they won a silver cup. The next year, at the St. Louis World's Fair, their wool exhibit won a gold medal for every fleece shown. In 1910 they first showed at the Chicago International Stock Show, getting five firsts and two seconds also champion ram, champion ewe and champion flock. When they first showed at big eastern state fairs their exhibit was referred to before its arrival as the "sagebrush flock." It was not thought possible to raise the superb animals in Wyoming that they were to exhibit. Those older eastern exhibitors went down to defeat and the "sagebrush flock" captured the ribbons. At the San Francisco exposition in 1915 they won twenty-nine first premiums, also winning grand champion B. ram and ewe, get of sire, Flock Reserve Champion C. ram and ewe; also premium championships for breeder and exhibitor; and they have been consistent winners at all the leading state fairs for many years.

The business of this company has kept abreast of every advance in sheep breeding. Its buildings have been constructed in the most modern way and in some instances embody features original with the company and not utilized elsewhere. Their holdings include thirty thousand acres of deeded land and twenty thousand acres of leased land, which extensive holdings have developed from the original homestead taken up by Francis S. King. The business methods of the company have always been the most straightforward and reliable and they have ever enjoyed an unassailable reputation for the highest integrity. During the past eighteen years the company has bent its energies and spared no expense in developing a Rambouillet sheep that would in form, fleece and hardiness fill the wants of the western sheep man. By a careful selection of sires that have descended from noted ancestors, mating them with ewes of large, robust frame, the company has produced a strain that has made itself felt throughout the country.

HON. JACOB A. DELFELDER.

If one were asked to express in a single word the most prominent and salient characteristic of Hon. Jacob A. Delfelder it might be done in the word helpfulness, for there is no man who has contributed more largely to the development of Riverton and Fremont county than he, and his helpfulness has been of a character that the sociologist says is of greatest worth to the world, the kind that helps the individual to help himself. He has ever striven to improve conditions having to do with the development and upbuilding and the advancement of business activity in county and state and is regarded as an authority upon the subject of irrigation and water rights as wells as an authority upon sheep raising. His labors have ever been of a character in which the public is a large direct and also indirect beneficiary.

Mr. Delfelder was born in Effingham, Kansas, January 11, 1871, a son of Frederick and Anna (Wagner) Delfelder, both of whom were natives of Germany. On coming to this country they settled in Illinois and afterward removed to Effingham, Kansas. The father had been educated for and was ordained to the ministry of the Lutheran church but never followed that vocation. On settling in Kansas he took up the occupation of farming and became one of the leading agriculturists and prosperous residents of that section of the state. He is now living retired in Atchison and his wife also survives.

Their son, Jacob A. Delfelder, was the fourth in order of birth in a family of eight children. He was reared upon the homestead farm and acquired his education in the country schools. He worked during the summer months and attended



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school in the winter seasons. At an early age he took up the study of the science of dehorning cattle and in due time became an adept in that work. After leaving the country schools he went to Atchison, Kansas, where he attended the Atchison Business College, from which in due time he was graduated. He paid his way through college with money which he earned in dehorning cattle.

In 1892 Mr. Delfelder came to Wyoming with the idea of turning his attention to dehorning cattle but on reaching this state found that the cattlemen of Wyoming were not interested in that, so that he had to seek employment along other lines. He then turned his attention to sheep raising in Uinta county, being first employed by Al Pomeroy, of Evanston, with whom he remained for three months. He then removed to Fremont county and for two years was in the employ of David Sweeney. In the fall of 1894 he engaged in the sheep business on his own account in connection with Austin Bunce, forming the firm of Bunce & Delfelder, which was maintained until 1910, when, upon the death of Mr. Bunce, Mr. Delfelder purchased his partner's interest from the heirs and has since continued his operations independently. At the present time he has about twenty thousand head of sheep and about two thousand head of cattle, together with about five hundred head of horses, his stock being pastured upon an extensive ranch of two thousand acres of irrigated land, beside a large acreage of pasture land and range. Mr. Delfelder is now the president of the National Sheep Company and also of the Diamond C Sheep Company and there is no man in the state who has done more to improve conditions that affect sheep raising than he. On the 8th of May, 1903, he was appointed by Governor Chatterton to the position of state sheep commissioner, at which time over ninety per cent of the sheep in Wyoming were scabby, and through his efforts, with the assistance of the commissioners, they eradicated the disease in less than two years. He served on the board altogether for about ten years and his efforts were most valuable and effective in promoting the sheep raising interests of the state by the improvement of conditions. He was also the originator and is a director of the National Wool House and Storage Company of Chicago, Illinois.

Aside from his extensive sheep raising and other live stock interests Mr. Delfelder is president of the Farmers State Bank of Powell, Wyoming, vice president of the First State Bank of Riverton, a director of the Farmers State Bank of Worland and a stockholder and director in a number of other large financial institutions. In business matters his judgment is sound, his insight keen and his enterprise unflinching. He is also interested in some realty companies and whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion.

It is but natural that a man of Mr. Delfelder's business ability and devotion to the public welfare should be called upon to serve in public office. In 1913 he was elected to the house of representatives and while in the state legislature was the father of a number of important bills. He was instrumental in securing the passage of the Smith Levers bill and he introduced the bill that was the cause of the Wyoming central irrigation investigation. He is an authority upon the subject of irrigation, which he has studied from every possible standpoint, and he does not believe in a monopoly of water rights. Riverton, recognizing his genuine worth and public spirit, elected him to the office of mayor and for four years he served as chief executive of the city. On the 14th of May, 1918, he was again elected to that position without opposition, as he had been during his previous terms of office. He would not accept the position in any other way, for he wants to feel that he has the whole-hearted support of the public and must feel that his efforts for the benefit of the city will not be hampered. He wishes to do things in his own way—and the public recognizes that his way is the best way.

On the 19th of October, 1910, Mr. Delfelder was united in marriage to Miss Evelyn Hartman and they now have a son, William W., who is attending the Todd Seminary for Boys, at Woodstock, Illinois.

Fraternally Mr. Delfelder is a Mason and has attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and has also taken the degrees up to and including the thirty-second of the Scottish Rite. He likewise belongs to Korein Temple of the

Mystic Shrine and his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. He occupies a most beautiful and modern home in Riverton and its warm-hearted hospitality is known throughout the countryside. He employs a great many people on his ranches and it is characteristic of Mr. Delfelder that he is always as courteous and genial to the laborers upon the ranch as to any heavy stockholder or official who is associated with him in his business interests. He is a big man in spirit and interests, broadminded, alert, energetic, ever actuated by a spirit of progress and looking ever toward the attainment of higher ideals and results. His adopted county and state have indeed profited by his labors, which have ever been of a most practically resultant character.

HON. FENIMORE CHATTERTON.

Hon. Fenimore Chatterton has long occupied a central place on the stage of public activity in Wyoming. His entire record reflects credit and honor upon the state that has honored him. He was at one time chief executive of Wyoming, is now one of the prominent attorneys and business men of Fremont county and has been identified with many interests and movements which have left an indelible impress upon the history of the state. Tangible evidence of his public spirit is found not only in the legislative records but also in connection with many projects which have been carried forward to successful completion and which constitute important elements of public welfare. His career is illustrative of the opportunities that are furnished in America to ambitious young men. He had no financial advantages at the outset of his career but was fortunate in that back of him was an ancestry honorable and distinguished and he is happy that his lines of life have been cast in harmony therewith.

He was born in Oswego, New York, July 21, 1860, a son of German H. and Ama (Mazuzan) Chatterton, both of whom were natives of Vermont and representatives of early New England families. The Chatterton family was established on American soil in the year following the first trip of the Mayflower to the new world in 1620. Members of both the Chatterton and Mazuzan families participated in the Revolutionary war and in the War of 1812. German H. Chatterton occupied a college professorship in early manhood and subsequently was admitted to the bar, devoting many years to the practice of law. Later he was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and did missionary work on the western frontier, building many churches through Iowa and the middle western states. He is still living and now makes his home in Greenville, New York, at the age of eighty-seven years, having retired from active business and professional connections. His life has been one of far-reaching influence and benefit. His wife passed away in the year 1864.

Fenimore Chatterton, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the public schools and in Columbia College at Washington, D. C., followed by a course in law in the University of Michigan, from which he received his LL. B. degree in 1891. In January, 1878, he removed to the west to win a fortune if possible. For six months he remained in Chicago and then continued his journey to the Iowa wheat fields, where he earned enough money to meet the expenses of a course in the State Normal Institute there. He afterward secured a teacher's certificate, but before he had entered upon active work as a teacher he was offered a position in connection with a mercantile house of Fort Steele, Wyoming, the proprietor, Mr. Hugus, conducting both a wholesale and retail general merchandise business. He was also at the head of a banking institution at Fort Steele, which was the principal trading point of Carbon county. The county boundary then extended from the Colorado line to Montana and the mercantile company covered in its business operations a wide territory, conducting an extensive trade, while the banking business, too, drew its patronage from



J. H. Chatterton.

throughout the entire county. The business opportunity offered Mr. Chatterton looked good to him and he accepted the proffered position. Five years later Mr. Hugus, wishing to retire from business, turned his entire interests over to Mr. Chatterton, accepting the latter's note for thirty-two thousand dollars. With characteristic energy Mr. Chatterton bent his energies to the conduct and further development of the business and his labors were attended with such success that within five years he had discharged all of his financial obligations and had established his interests on a firm financial basis. He was thus identified with commercial activity in the state for a number of years, building up a trade of large and gratifying proportions. In 1888, however, he sold the business and was elected to the offices of probate judge and county treasurer, serving in the dual capacity until 1890, when he resigned to become a candidate for the first state senate. He was elected to the office and reelection continued him in the position for two terms. It was after his connection with the upper house of the general assembly for one term that he returned to the east and completed his law studies in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he was graduated with the class of 1891. The following year he opened a law office in Rawlins and entered upon a successful career as a representative of the bar, remaining in active practice there until 1899. During this time he served for two terms as county and prosecuting attorney and in 1898 he was elected secretary of state. His powers and his abilities proving adequate to every demand that was made upon him in public service, he was continually advanced from one position of trust to another until in 1903 he succeeded Governor DeForest Richards in the office of chief executive of the state.

In 1906 Mr. Chatterton removed to Riverton and was instrumental in forcing the Northwestern Railroad to build its branch through to Lander. He had secured the right of way and the concessions for the railroad, and with the water rights in his possession and a contract with the state for the reclamation of three hundred thousand acres of the ceded portion of the Wind River Indian reservation. Mr. Chatterton organized the Wyoming Central Irrigation Company and proceeded to put this land under irrigation, and the Northwestern was pleased to make terms with him and buy his right of way. Since the completion of this contract Mr. Chatterton has been engaged in the practice of law and is also identified with the development of the oil industry and with farming interests, owning an irrigated farm of five hundred acres which has been brought under a high state of cultivation and to which all modern improvements and accessories have been added. He is a man of sound business judgment, readily recognizing opportunities that others pass heedlessly by and utilizing such opportunities not only to the benefit of his own fortunes but to the upbuilding of the general prosperity as well.

In 1900 Mr. Chatterton was united in marriage to Miss Stella Wyland, of Des Moines, Iowa, and to them have been born two daughters, Eleanor and Constance. Mr. Chatterton and his family are communicants of the Episcopal church. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and in fraternal relations he is widely known. He is the only man in Wyoming who is the past state grand officer in every branch of Masonic work. He belongs to Rawlins Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M.; to Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 3, K. T., of Rawlins; to Wyoming Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and to Korein Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

His interests and activities have indeed been broad and varied. He has had much to do with shaping the history of the state. While undoubtedly he is not without that honorable ambition which is so powerful and useful as an incentive to activity in public affairs, he regards the pursuits of private life as being in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. His is a noble character—one that subordinates personal ambition to public good and seeks rather the benefit of others than the aggrandizement of self. His is a conspicuously successful career. Endowed by nature with high intellectual qualities, to which are added the discipline and embellishments of culture, his is a

most attractive personality. Well versed in the learning of his profession and with a deep knowledge of human nature and the springs of human conduct, with great shrewdness and sagacity and extraordinary tact, he is in the courts an advocate of great power and influence. Both judges and juries always hear him with attention and deep interest.

HON. JOHN HAYS.

Hon. John Hays, one of the most prominent cattle men of Fremont county, was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on the 3d of July, 1861, a son of Columbus C. and Emaline G. (Fletcher) Hays, both of whom are natives of Lexington, Missouri, and are still living, the former having reached the age of about eighty-three years, while the mother is now about seventy-five years of age. They make their home in Loveland, Colorado, where they have continued since 1871. The father was a ranchman during the years of his active business life, but for some time has lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

John Hays, whose name introduces this review, was reared upon a cattle ranch and as soon as he was old enough to sit astride a horse he began riding the range. As early as his twelfth year he had some calves of his own and his experience as a cattle man was thus begun. When about twenty years of age he took his father's cattle, also a neighbor's cattle and some of his own, and ranged his stock through the mountains for three years. He then engaged in the butchering business in Loveland, Colorado, and was identified with that business until 1891. During that period he also continued to have cattle upon the range. In the year mentioned he removed to Lander and in 1892 he opened a butchering business in the city, continuing active along that line until 1897, when he disposed of his establishment. He then became associated with Lieutenant H. A. Sievert of the United States army in the conduct of extensive cattle interests under the firm style of Sievert & Hays. In 1915 Mr. Hays purchased the interest of his partner and has since conducted the business independently. He is today one of the most prominent cattle men of Fremont county and it is said by those who are authority upon the question that he has some of the finest herds of cattle to be found in the state. He handles high grade Herefords and runs about seven hundred head. He thoroughly understands every phase of the cattle business and his activities are most wisely and carefully directed. He is also the president of the Dubois State Bank of Dubois, Wyoming.

In November, 1885, Mr. Hays was united in marriage to Miss Ollie E. Gard, of Loveland, Colorado, by whom he has five children, as follows: John C., who is a graduate of the Colorado State Agricultural College and is now county agricultural agent of Natrona county, Wyoming; Mabel, the wife of Richard Hays, who resides on a claim in Fremont county, Wyoming; and Pauline, Helen and Max, all at home.

Mr. Hays is a demitted member of Loveland Lodge, No. 36, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a stalwart democrat and in November, 1916, was chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, but became ill at the opening of the session and was advised by his physician to return home. As a consequence he could not serve. He had previously refused to accept any political preferment and in fact throughout his entire life he has concentrated his attention and efforts upon his business affairs, which have been attended with gratifying success owing to his close application, his keen sagacity and unflinching enterprise. He is today the owner of one thousand acres of deeded land and also has twenty-seven thousand acres of Indian land under lease. Resourceful and forceful, capable of managing extensive interests, he has so directed his affairs that he has advanced step by step in his business career and is today one of the most prominent cattle



John Hays

men of Fremont county, active in the conduct of an industry that has been one of the most important sources of the upbuilding, development and prosperity of the state.

JOHN HENRY YOUNG, M. D.

Dr. John Henry Young has won well merited recognition as an able physician and surgeon of Rock Springs. On the physician are made many demands. If a lawyer is brusque and crabbed, it is accepted as a fact that he is concerned with complex and involved problems; if the minister holds himself aloof, it is believed that he is absorbed in questions that are beyond the ken of the ordinary individual; but the physician must always be courteous, sympathetic, interested and at the same time must fail not in the performance of any duty that devolves upon him in his professional capacity. Meeting all of these requirements and basing his success upon a thorough knowledge of the principles of medicine and surgery, Dr. John Henry Young has made for himself a creditable position as one of the practitioners of Rock Springs.

He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, February 1, 1873, and is the fifth in order of birth in a family of seven children, five of whom are yet living. Their parents were John S. and Ara Ann (Kiger) Young, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The paternal ancestors came from Pennsylvania and the family is originally of Scotch and English lineage. The father was born June 15, 1831, and has now reached the age of eighty-six years, making his home in Fairfield county, Ohio. He was a successful farmer during the years of his active business life but is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life. During the Civil war he took part in quelling the Morgan raids into Ohio and was a stalwart defender of the Union cause. His life has ever been well spent, and although passed on a quiet plane, his worth to his community has been recognized by those with whom he has been associated and he has been accorded the confidence and goodwill of all who know him. His wife was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, and her family, of German lineage, was founded in the Buckeye state at an early period in its development. The death of Mrs. Young occurred April 10, 1902, at the old home in Ohio, when she was sixty-five years of age.

Their son, Dr. Young, acquired his early education in the schools of Carroll, Ohio, and afterward matriculated in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. His early life to the age of sixteen years had been spent upon the home farm, where he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. His first professional activity was along the line of teaching and he engaged in educational work in Fairfield county, Ohio, for five and a half years but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor. He became imbued with the desire to become a member of the medical profession and with the attainment of that end in view he entered the medical department of the Ohio State University, from which he was graduated in 1900, the M. D. degree being at that time conferred upon him. Following his graduation he sought the opportunities of the west and located at Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he became associated in practice with Dr. R. Harvey Reed of the Wyoming State Hospital. There he continued for a year, after which he removed to Cumberland, Wyoming, where he acted as company physician and surgeon for the Union Pacific Railway Coal Company's mines. His service there covered a period of five years and on the death of Dr. Reed he became division surgeon for the Union Pacific Railway Coal Company and surgeon for the Union Pacific Coal Company. He is still physician for the latter and is also engaged in private practice in Rock Springs. While he has always continued in the general practice of his profession, he has specialized in surgery and has displayed marked ability in that direction. He is thoroughly conversant with anatomy and the component parts of the human body, is very careful in diagnosis, is calm and resourceful in times

of excitement, and with a cool head and steady hand he has been enabled to perform many important surgical operations that have been attended with notable success. In addition to his practice in connection with these corporations and his private practice he is also examiner for a number of old-line insurance companies, including the Union Mutual, the Mutual Life, the Pennsylvania Mutual and others.

On the 19th of November, 1903, in Fairfield county, Ohio, Dr. Young was married to Miss Nancy May Boyer, a native of the Buckeye state, born in Winchester, and a daughter of Marcus and Sarah (Dowdel) Boyer, representatives of an old Pennsylvania German family. The father is now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Young have two children: Henry Marcus, born in Cumberland, Wyoming, July 22, 1906; and John Kiger, born in Rock Springs, Wyoming, May 3, 1908. In the maternal line the children are of Revolutionary war descent, for the grandfather, Henry Kiger, was a son of a Revolutionary war soldier.

Dr. Young votes with the republican party, and while not a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking, he served as county health officer. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, having taken all of the degrees of both the York and Scottish rites save the honorary thirty-third degree. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is popular in these different organizations. Trials and obstacles have beset Dr. Young in his career. It was with difficulty that he obtained his education, for he had little financial assistance. His record proves that no matter what the advantages that the individual has in the way of acquiring education and making a start in life, he must eventually shape and determine his own character. Never faltering in the pursuit of his purpose, Dr. Young has steadily advanced and following his graduation his progress has been continuous and gratifying. He belongs to the Rock Springs Medical Society, the Wyoming State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and through the meetings of these organizations he is kept informed concerning the most advanced thought and purposes of the profession. In a word he keeps abreast with the latest scientific researches and discoveries, and while he does not hastily discard old and time-tried methods, he is ever ready to take up any new idea which his judgment sanctions as of value in his chosen life work. The responsibilities which devolve upon the physician are heavy but Dr. Young is proving adequate to every demand made upon him and his position as a physician and surgeon is such a one as many an older practitioner might well envy.

DAN SULLIVAN.

Dan Sullivan is well known in business circles at Kemmerer as proprietor of plumbing, heating and sheet metal works. He was born January 18, 1858, in McGregor, Iowa, a son of Daniel and Margaret (Hines) Sullivan, who were natives of Ireland and of the state of New York respectively. The father crossed the Atlantic to the new world when a young man of nineteen years, in the latter part of the '40s, and first settled in Ohio. He had followed civil engineering in his native country. After living for some time in Ohio he removed westward to Iowa and later to Omaha, Nebraska, where he engaged in the lumber business, taking up his abode in that city in 1869. There he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1897, when he was seventy years of age. He had been quite successful in business, his lumber trade increasing with the growth of the city. He was actively interested in educational affairs there and served as a member of the school board of Omaha for many years. His political endorsement was given to the democratic party and he cooperated in all well defined plans and measures for the general good, whether accomplished through political or other channels. His wife, although born in the state of New York, was reared, educated and married in Zanesville, Ohio, and was of Irish descent. She departed this life in 1902, at the age of sixty-five years.

Their son, Dan Sullivan, was the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, of whom but four are now living, and he is the eldest among the survivors. He was educated in the public schools and in Rathbun's Business College of Omaha, Nebraska, pursuing his studies to the age of eighteen years, when he started out to provide for his own support, entering upon an apprenticeship to the sheet metal trade under the direction of the firm of Milton Rogers & Son. He continued to follow the trade for twenty years and then also took up the plumbing and heating business. After working for others for a time he embarked in business on his own account, having carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to take an independent step. He was identified with business on his own account in Omaha, in Deadwood, South Dakota, in Sheridan, Wyoming, and in Rhyolite, Nevada, before removing to Kemmerer. On coming to Wyoming he first settled in Sheridan but has been a resident of Kemmerer since 1907 and through the intervening period has been continuously engaged in the plumbing, heating and sheet metal business, being the oldest in his line in the city where he makes his home. He was also the pioneer in that field in Sheridan. His excellent workmanship, his business enterprise and his careful management have enabled him to build up a trade of large and gratifying proportions and his activities are bringing to him well deserved success. In fact such is his reputation in this field that his business now extends over a territory of seventy-five miles in breadth, covering western Wyoming and portions of Idaho. He has been called upon to install plumbing and heating plants and do sheet metal work in connection with the public schools and many other public buildings in this section of the country.

Mr. Sullivan holds to the religious faith of the family and is a communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic church of Kemmerer. He maintains an independent course in politics but always stands for progress and improvement in public affairs and is identified with the Chamber of Commerce, which has put forth many effective measures to advance the general good. Those who know him esteem him as a man of personal worth as well as of business ability and he is classed with the representative citizens of Lincoln county.

ELIAS MOSHER.

Elias Mosher, dealer in men's clothing, furnishings, shoes and haberdashery at Rawlins, has a well equipped and well stocked establishment and enjoys a merited reputation for the integrity of his business methods and his fair dealings, his reputation in this direction being known from coast to coast. His high standards have made him popular wherever he is known and he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance. Mr. Mosher is of Russian birth, his natal day being December 20, 1869. His father, Meilach Mosher, remained a resident of Russia until 1902, when he crossed the Atlantic and settled in New York, where he engaged in the fur business to the time of his death, which occurred in 1916. His wife, Mrs. Slava Mosher, passed away the previous year.

Elias Mosher is the eldest of their three children, all of whom survive. He acquired his early education in the schools of his native country and when twenty-one years of age came to the new world, settling first in Superior, Wisconsin, where he was employed by the Webster Manufacturing Company, a chair manufacturing concern. He worked in the factory and later became a traveling representative for the house, with which he continued for about five years. He was then transferred to Kansas City and traveled with that city as his headquarters, representing the Furniture Manufacturing Syndicate. He later removed to Gillett, Colorado, where he entered the men's furnishing goods business, conducting a store until 1901. He then sold his interests in that city and removed to Rawlins, where he established business in a small way. Today he has one of the

finest stores in the state and enjoys an extensive trade, but more than that, he enjoys a well earned reputation for the thorough reliability of his methods. He has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any trade transaction and his reasonable prices and earnest desire to please his patrons have won for him a very gratifying patronage which is growing year by year. The increase in his trade has necessitated the enlargement of his quarters and he has now doubled the space of his original store, making it unquestionably the finest equipped store in the state in this line. He has installed showcases of the latest and most modern style of manufacture and attractive fixtures of all kinds, and the tasteful arrangement of his store is one of the elements in his growing success. As the years have passed and he has prospered in his undertakings he has invested in bank stocks and other projects in the county and state, which add materially to his income and place him as one of the foremost business men of Rawlins.

Mr. Mosher has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Estelle Clendenney and they had a son, Albert, born August 23, 1901, at Gillett, Colorado, and now a student at Culver Military Academy. Mrs. Mosher died November 13, 1903, in Gillett, Colorado. For his second wife Mr. Mosher chose Miss Doris M. Larson, of Rawlins, by whom he has the following children: Helen E., born in February, 1907; Sarah D., born in January, 1912; and Frances F., born in September, 1914.

Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and with the Elks and in the former organization he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has also become a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he votes with the republican party where national issues are involved but casts an independent local ballot. Starting out in life a poor boy, aiding in the support of his parents, Mr. Mosher has steadily worked his way upward and step by step has advanced to the goal of prosperity. As the architect of his fortunes he has builded wisely and well and the history of his life should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished through individual effort.

WILLIAM WALLACE GLEASON.

William Wallace Gleason was living retired in Cheyenne at the time of his death, April 16, 1918, when he was seventy-six years of age. It was not until he reached the age of seventy-two that he put aside active business cares, having controlled important interests as secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Warren Live Stock Company.

He was born in Worthington, Hampshire county, Massachusetts, on the 5th of December, 1841, his parents being Darwin and Martha (Brewster) Gleason, the latter a descendant of ancestors who came to the new world as passengers on the Mayflower. The father was a farmer by occupation and engaged in the meat business. Both he and his wife have now passed away, the latter having died when her son, William Wallace, was yet a boy. He was the eldest in a family that numbered also seven daughters.

William W. Gleason was educated in the public schools and in an academy in the east and later spent but three months during the winter seasons in school, while in the summer he had to work, assisting his father and he continued in that line of work until he reached the age of thirty-five years. He became a member of the firm of D. Gleason & Son and he was on the meat wagon from the age of sixteen. On the 1st of July, 1883, he arrived in Wyoming and entered into partnership with Senator Warren in forming the Warren Live Stock Company, of which he became the secretary, treasurer and general manager. They operated extensively and successfully and Mr. Gleason was thus engaged until he reached the age of seventy-two years, when he retired. Although he was still quite active in his later years he left business cares largely to others.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM W. GLEASON

On the 14th of December, 1870, Mr. Gleason was united in marriage to Miss Amelia H. Lyman, who died in 1877, leaving two children, Herbert Darwin and Ashley Lyman. On the 13th of October, 1880, Mr. Gleason was again married, his second union being with Julia Gould Severy, and they had one son, Frank Hubbard. The sons were associated with their father in business, acting as foremen of ranches, but they have now sold all of their interests in the cattle industry.

Mr. Gleason was a Protestant in religious faith. His political support was given to the republican party and he served as a member of the city council. He was ever deeply interested in the public welfare and gave his aid and cooperation to many movements looking to the benefit and upbuilding of city and state. He always abstained from the use of liquor and tobacco and was a well preserved man until the end. In his last years he enjoyed a well earned rest, his former activities having supplied him with all of those things which add to the comforts of life. His demise caused not only deep sorrow to the family but also widespread regret among his many friends, who sincerely appreciated his high qualities of character, and in him his community lost a stalwart, public-spirited citizen. His remains were interred at Hinsdale, Massachusetts.

JOHN STANSBURY.

John Stansbury, engaged in the active practice of law in Douglas as senior partner in the firm of Stansbury & Stansbury, was born in Devonshire, England, on the 14th of April, 1862, a son of John and Susan (Roberts) Stansbury. The father was a miner and in 1869 came with his family to the United States, settling in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife have passed away.

John Stansbury, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the schools of Pennsylvania, having been a little lad of but seven years at the time of the emigration of the family to the new world. He started to work in the coal mines of the Keystone state when a boy of but eight years and was thus employed from 1870 until May 1, 1891. His educational advantages were therefore necessarily quite limited, but he was ambitious, recognizing the fact that advancement and success depend upon the individual and not upon his environment or what is seemingly his opportunity. While working in the mines he took up the study of mining engineering under the direction of the Scranton Correspondence School. He also began the study of law privately at night and eventually completed arrangements whereby he pursued a full course of study in the law department of the University of Michigan. While a student there he would spend his vacation periods in work in the mines in order to get money with which to pay his tuition and meet the other expenses of his university course. He was graduated at Ann Arbor with the class of June, 1891, and began the practice of law in Braidwood, Illinois, where he had previously worked in the coal mines for eleven years. On a visit there during the Easter holidays he had been elected city attorney before his graduation by a large majority over his opponent, and he continued to practice law in Braidwood until 1913, when he removed to Wyoming with Douglas as his destination. His son, William M., had previously graduated from the law department of the University of Illinois and in 1910 had opened an office in Douglas, where in 1913 he was joined by his father and the present firm of Stansbury & Stansbury was organized. Mr. Stansbury of this review was in the employ of the government from March 18, 1897, until April 1, 1913, in a legal capacity with the department of justice, representing the Indians in the Indian depredation claims. He is now concentrating his efforts and attention upon the practice of law and such is his careful preparation that he is never surprised by some unexpected discovery by an opposing lawyer, for in his mind he weighs every point and fortifies as well for defense as for attack. He has conducted important litigation and he has much natural ability but is withal a hard

student and is never content until he has mastered every detail of his cases. He believes in the maxim, "there is no excellence without labor" and follows it closely.

On the 2d of February, 1882, Mr. Stansbury was united in marriage to Miss Mary Paden and to them have been born four sons and a daughter: Lawrence, who is a physician practicing at Joliet, Illinois; George, a dentist who follows his profession in Peoria, Illinois; Harry, a student in the Chicago University; William Morris, who is associated with his father in the practice of law; and Alta, the wife of H. H. Shaffner.

Mr. Stansbury is strong and positive in his republicanism but his party fealty is not grounded on partisan prejudice and is the result of close study of the situation and a firm belief in the justice and value of the cause which he espouses. Of the great issues which divide the two parties, with their roots extending down to the very bedrock of the foundation of the republic, he has the true statesman's grasp. He has arrived at his conclusions as a result of what may be called his post-graduate studies in the school of affairs. Such men, whether in office or out, are the natural leaders of whichever party they may be identified with, especially in that movement toward higher politics which is common to both parties and which constitutes the most hopeful political sign of the period. Mr. Stansbury has never been an office seeker but has served as chairman of the republican county central committee and has been a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, having reached the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He belongs to the Elks lodge at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and for thirty-three years has been a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is fond of athletics and this keeps him young in body and spirit. He is greatly interested in the state and its development and his cooperation can be counted upon at all times to further plans and measures for the general good. In the face of obstacles which would have utterly discouraged and disheartened many a man, with no educational advantages at the outset of his career, Mr. Stansbury has steadily progressed until he is today recognized not only as an able lawyer but as a broad-minded man with whom association means expansion and elevation.

F. M. WARD.

F. M. Ward, attorney at law practicing in Buffalo, is a native of South Dakota. He was born on the 25th of June, 1889, a son of Michael and Mary (McGrane) Ward, the former a native of Ireland, while the latter was born in Massachusetts. They were married in Nebraska and removed to South Dakota where the father devoted his life to merchandising until his death, which occurred in 1891. His widow survives and is now living in Nebraska. They had a family of five children, all of whom survive.

F. M. Ward was reared and educated in Nebraska, being indebted to the public school system for the early educational opportunities which he enjoyed. He passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school and he is also a graduate of the Creighton College of Law at Omaha, Nebraska, having completed his course there as a member of the class of 1912. After thus preparing for the bar he entered upon the practice of his profession in Nebraska, where he remained for four years, and in April, 1917, he removed to Buffalo, Wyoming, where he has since engaged in active practice in association with James L. Caldwell, under the firm style of Caldwell & Ward. Already he has made for himself a creditable position in professional circles in Johnson county and has won very favorable criticism by reason of the thoroughness with which he prepares his cases and the strength with which he presents his arguments. The firm of Caldwell & Ward now occupies a very prominent position at the Buffalo bar and is accorded

a liberal clientage, connecting them with much important litigation heard in the courts.

In his political views Mr. Ward is a democrat but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. Already he has gained many warm friends during the period of his residence in Wyoming and the circle is constantly increasing as the circle of his acquaintance broadens.

BERTRAND N. MATTHEWS.

Bertrand N. Matthews, county prosecuting attorney of Uinta county and a well known resident of Evanston, entered upon his professional career well qualified for active work at the bar and is making for himself a most creditable position in this connection. He was born in Devonshire, England, March 18, 1873, and is a son of William H. and Emeline (Tucker) Matthews. William H. Matthews was superintendent for the Great Western Railroad Company in Newton Abbott, Devonshire, England, and in the year 1885 he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world alone. Having sent for his family, they made their way westward and became residents of Evanston, Wyoming, but afterward removed to Salt Lake county, Utah.

Bertrand N. Matthews was the seventh in order of birth in a family of fourteen children. In his boyhood days he attended Catholic parochial schools of England and at the age of twelve years came to the new world, after which he was a pupil in the graded schools of Utah, and eventually he was graduated from the State University of Utah on the completion of an academic course in the class of 1899. He had determined upon the practice of law as his life work and in preparation for the profession read law at every available opportunity and also acted as assistant to Judge William R. Hall during his spare time while attending school. He took up the profession of teaching in Utah and followed it for ten years, proving a capable educator, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He then pursued a course of law lectures on the Pacific coast, after which he came to Uinta county, Wyoming, and accepted the position of principal of the high school at Lyman, where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he successfully passed the bar examination with a very excellent mark of efficiency and was accordingly admitted to practice on the 11th of September, 1916. In the fall of the same year he became a candidate for the office of county attorney of Uinta county, was elected and is now acting in that capacity. At the same time he engages in the private practice of law and in his professional work displays the same thoroughness that ever characterized his efforts in the educational field. He is advancing steadily in his chosen profession, winning a creditable name and place for himself at the Uinta bar.

On the 1st of June, 1901, Mr. Matthews was united in marriage to Miss Anastasia Martin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, of Salt Lake county, Utah, where her father is a well known rancher and stock raiser. Mrs. Matthews passed away on the 19th of June, 1904, leaving two children: Miss Theo Matthews, who was born in Salt Lake City, March 10, 1902; and John B., who was born in Salt Lake City, December 25, 1903. On the 19th of August, 1906, Mr. Matthews was again married, his second union being with Miss Frances Smith, of Los Angeles, California, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith, who were pioneer residents of Beaver county, Utah. The children of this marriage are: Thelma J., who was born in Salt Lake City, June 16, 1907; Gilbert B., born in Salt Lake City, August 28, 1908; Lucille, born in Salt Lake City, May 23, 1910; Immanuel A., born in Lyman, Wyoming, May 18, 1915; and Dorothy, born in Evanston, July 5, 1917.

Mr. Matthews is an elder in the Mormon church and has filled various other positions in the church, in the work of which he is deeply and actively interested.



BERTRAND N. MATTHEWS

He is chairman of the Industrial Order of American Patriots and is identified with the Woodmen of the World, in connection with which he is widely known. He is at present identified with the democratic party and is state committeeman from Uinta county. He is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of enterprise and progressiveness and laudable ambition has pointed out to him the way whereby he has attained his present enviable position in the legal circles of Uinta county.

LOUIS B. WESTHOLDER.

Louis B. Westholder is one of the prominent florists of western Wyoming, with headquarters at Evanston. His business extends over a wide territory, for he has agencies and branches in various towns of this section of the state. He is thoroughly familiar with all the scientific phases of his work and this knowledge, added to practical experience, has won for him a very substantial measure of success.

Mr. Westholder was born in Teutopolis, Effingham county, Illinois, on the 21st of September, 1889, a son of Dr. C. A. Westholder, who is a native of Germany and came to America in 1882, at which time he took up his abode in Indianapolis, Indiana. There he engaged in the practice of his profession. He was born and reared in Hamm, Germany, and pursued his education in a university in Westphalia and in other leading educational institutions of that country. After becoming a resident of Indianapolis he continued in the practice of medicine and surgery in that city for ten years, after which he was made physician and surgeon at the Roman Catholic college and convent in Teutopolis, Illinois. There he remained for ten years, after which he removed to Minnesota, where he has since resided. He is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life, his home being in Albany, Minnesota. His wife, Mrs. Lydia Westholder, is also a native of Germany, in which country they were married. Twelve children were born to them, eight sons and four daughters, of whom nine are living.

Louis B. Westholder, who was the sixth in the family and is the eldest of the living sons, was educated in the parochial schools of St. Michael, Minnesota, and in St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota, where he pursued a two years' course. He then started out to provide for his own support when a youth of seventeen years and made his way to the west, first settling at Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he was employed as a florist, having thoroughly acquainted himself with the business through four years' experience along that line in Iowa and Minnesota. He worked for a time as a journeyman and remained in the employ of others for two and a half years. During two years of that period he continued his residence in Laramie, after which he removed to Evanston, where he took up his abode in June, 1913. He immediately entered upon business here on his own account but started out in a small way. He first rented window space in one of the local stores and from that small beginning has developed what is one of the largest florist establishments in the state. He specializes in cut flowers, funeral designs and potted plants and he is conducting a modern and well equipped store on Main street in Evanston and also an equally attractive establishment on South Front street in Rock Springs, Wyoming. In addition to this he has agencies at Kemmerer, Cokeville, Cumberland, Diamondville, Frontier, Saratoga, Encampment, Rawlins, Superior and Green River and also at numerous other points. He is perhaps the best and most widely known man in the florist business in the state and he has an established clientele in Idaho, Montana and Utah. He likewise specializes in nursery and landscape work, in which he is an expert. He is familiar with all the best methods of propagating flowers and producing the best florist and nursery stock, and his intelligently directed effort has brought to him a measure of success that is most gratifying.

Mr. Westholder was married in Evanston on the 4th of August, 1915, to Miss

Frances Martin, a native of Almy, Wyoming, and a daughter of Thomas and Isabelle Martin, who were pioneer people of Uinta county. Mr. and Mrs. Westholder have one child, Louis, who was born in Evanston, December 31, 1916.

In his political views Mr. Westholder has always been a republican, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, yet has never been an office seeker. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is likewise connected with the Knights of The Maccabees and the Woodmen of the World. His career has been marked by steady advancement from the time when he started out to provide for his own support. He is more than satisfied with Wyoming as a field of labor, believing that the future holds much in store for the state, and his personal career demonstrates the possibilities for successful accomplishment here. His opinions have come to be largely regarded as authority upon anything connected with floriculture in the state, for his broad experience and study have given him expert knowledge.

JOHN R. DOTY.

Alive to every interest and opportunity that develops in the natural ramifications of trade, John R. Doty has won for himself a creditable place in commercial circles of Wyoming, being manager of the Rawlins Mercantile Company. He is also actively identified with the sheep and cattle industry of this state and he possesses the firmness of purpose and the indefatigable energy that enable him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

He was born in Rochester, Cedar county, Iowa, March 11, 1863, a son of John and Mary A. (Smith) Doty, both of whom were natives of the Hawkeye state, where they spent their entire lives. The paternal grandfather, John Doty, was one of the first settlers of Iowa and was closely identified with the pioneer development of that state. His son, John Doty, engaged in merchandising and farming there, being actively connected with business interests to the time of his death, which occurred in 1863. His wife was reared and educated in Iowa and has been a resident of the state to the present time. In the family were two children, the elder being Dow D. Doty, who was born in Rochester, Iowa, in January, 1861, and is now a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado.

John R. Doty attended the public schools of Rochester, Iowa, and later continued his education in the Keokuk (Ia.) Business College. When his commercial course was completed he became connected with mercantile interests at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he remained until 1885, when he removed to Wyoming, establishing his home in Cheyenne. Later in 1887, he came to Rawlins and turned his attention to the cattle business, in which he has been actively engaged to the present time. In 1898 he once more entered mercantile circles and in March, 1900, was one of the organizers of the Rawlins Mercantile Company, which started business on a small scale but has rapidly developed its interests until the trade places the establishment in the front rank of the leading mercantile interests of Wyoming. This is largely due to the efforts and business ability of Mr. Doty, who has been treasurer, secretary and manager since its organization and is a man of keen discernment and sound judgment. His sagacity and diligence have combined to make him a most forceful factor in trade circles and his labors have been attended with gratifying results. He is president of the Freeland Live Stock Company, which has its headquarters in Rawlins. He also organized, and has ever since been president of the Freeland Cattle Company of Pass Creek, Wyoming.

On the 13th of January, 1887, Mr. Doty was married in Muscatine, Iowa, to Miss Eliza Mardock, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mardock, and they have become parents of one child, Mary C., who was born in Rawlins in 1892.

She was graduated from the Rawlins high school and from the Western College of Toledo, Ohio.

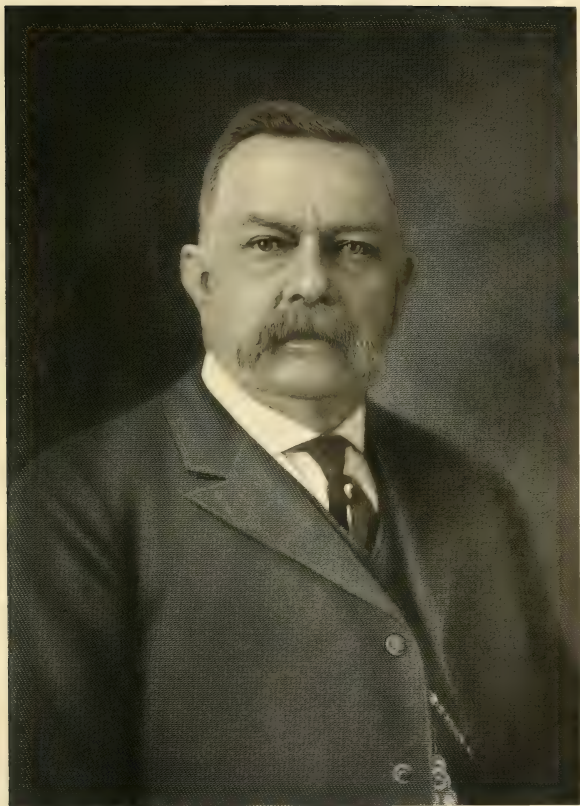
Mr. Doty is a charter member and trustee of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Rawlins and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon other interests. He has worked his way upward entirely through his own efforts and deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for, although obstacles and difficulties have barred his path, he has persevered in his purpose and has become one of the prominent business men of Wyoming, controlling important mercantile interests at Rawlins and being connected with large sheep and cattle interests in the state. Persistency of purpose has won for him well deserved success and he is now with merit enjoying life's prosperity.

WILLIAM A. HOCKER, M. D.

The progressive west constitutes an irresistible attraction to many men of enterprise who recognize the fact that the opportunities in a growing country are limitless. Professional activity here finds full scope and, moreover, the spirit of enterprise manifest by the citizens demands that the professional man be one thoroughly capable and in touch with the latest advancements of scientific investigation. Such a one is found in Dr. William A. Hocker, now a successful physician and surgeon of Kemmerer, Lincoln county.

He was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, February 7, 1848. His father, the late Tilman Hocker, was also a native of Kentucky and a representative of one of the family came to the new world prior to the Revolutionary war and settled in Virginia, while early ancestors of Dr. Hocker participated in the struggle for of its old families of Scotch Irish lineage. The founder of the American branch independence and in the War of 1812. His father, Tilman Hocker, was a successful planter and slave owner of Kentucky until after the Civil war, when he removed to Cass county, Missouri, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1890, when he was seventy years of age. His entire life had been devoted to general agricultural pursuits. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he held membership in the Campbellite church, of which he was a devoted adherent. He was a most widely known and honored citizen in the county in which he lived, enjoying the goodwill and warm regard of all with whom he was associated. He married Sarah W. Morrison, a native of Kentucky and of Scotch descent. She passed away at the age of sixty years. In their family were nine children, one of whom has passed away, while the living are four sons and four daughters.

Dr. Hocker, who was the second in order of birth, pursued his education in Lincoln and Boyle counties of Kentucky and at Danville, Kentucky, and attended Central College, from which he was in due time graduated. He started out to provide for his own support when a youth of sixteen years, following the close of the Civil war, which caused heavy financial losses to the family and necessitated his making a start in life. Even during the Civil war he had worked as a sub-contractor with his uncle, James M. Hocker, who was providing the federal army with horses, and by his work in that connection Dr. Hocker provided ample means with which to secure his medical education. Desiring to follow a professional career, he decided upon the practice of medicine as a life work and with that end in view entered the Bellevue Medical College of New York city, from which he was graduated in 1868, his degree at that time being conferred upon him. He afterward served as an interne in the Bellevue Hospital for a year and a half and thus gained that broad and valuable experience which only hospital practice can bring. He then removed to Harrisonville, the county seat of Cass county, Missouri, where he entered upon active practice, remaining there for five



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years. He next located at Evanston, Wyoming, changing his place of residence on account of his wife's health. He continued at Evanston until 1898, when he took up his abode in Kemmerer, where he has since remained in active and successful practice. His patronage is extensive and is the public recognition of his ability. He belongs to the American Medical Association and keeps in touch with the latest researches and investigations of the profession. He is the present county health officer of Lincoln county, in which position he has served for the past four years. He is also surgeon for the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line Railroads, acting in these capacities during his residence in Kemmerer, and he was also surgeon for the Union Pacific at Evanston.

On the 16th of June, 1873, in Harrisonville, Missouri, Dr. Hocker was united in marriage to Miss Alice Reynolds, a native of that state, who in her childhood was left an orphan by the death of her parents. To this marriage nine children have been born, of whom five daughters and two sons are yet living, namely: Robert, who is a graduate of the Kansas City (Mo.) Dental College and is now engaged in the practice of dentistry in Kemmerer; Woodie, who is the wife of F. A. Manley, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Omaha; Edith, the wife of Frank G. Lauder, living in Tucson, Arizona; Effie, the wife of W. T. Davies, a resident of Miami, Arizona; Virginia, who is acting as housekeeper for her father; Florence, the wife of Paul Comer, of Kemmerer; and Reynolds W., who is a graduate of the Kansas City Dental College and is also engaged in the practice of his profession.

Fraternally Dr. Hocker is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also with the Knights of The Maccabees and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He likewise belongs to the Commercial Club of Kemmerer and co-operates in all of its well defined plans and purposes for the upbuilding and development of the city with whose interests he is now so closely allied. He gives his political endorsement to the democratic party and has been one of its active and prominent workers. He served for one term as a member of the territorial legislature and was twice elected county commissioner, serving as chairman of the board for two years. He was also for two terms mayor of Kemmerer and exercised his official prerogatives in support of many progressive measures, giving to the city a businesslike administration in which he brought about many practical reforms and improvements. He was also registrar of the United States land office at Evanston during the second administration of President Cleveland, and was superintendent of the State Insane Asylum at Evanston for four years.

He has thus played an important part in the public affairs of his section of the state and at all times his influence has been given on the side of advancement, his labors being most resultant. At the same time he has held to the highest professional standards and he is the loved family physician in many a household in this section of the state. He holds to the highest ethical standards and at all times he is keenly interested in anything that tends to bring to man a key to the complex mystery which we call life.

PAUL WIENPAHL.

Among the enterprising business men of Rock Springs is numbered Paul Wienpahl, a well known jeweler and watch expert, who was born in Kamen, Germany, July 4, 1880, a son of William and Louise (Reihl) Wienpahl, who have spent their entire lives in Germany, where the father was engaged in the manufacture of mining lamps but is now living retired, still making his home in Kamen. He was a prominent business man of that locality, his lamps being sold all over the world. He is now sixty-seven years of age. His wife passed away in 1915, her death being occasioned by grief caused by the war. In their family were five children: William, who is still a resident of Germany; Helena; Paul,

of Rock Springs, Wyoming; Ella; and Robert. The sons with the exception of Paul of this review are active in the war with the German army.

Paul Wienpahl, the third in order of birth, attended school in Kamen, Germany, pursuing his education until he left the high school at the age of fifteen years to take up the watchmaking trade as an apprentice in his native city. He served in the Germany army for two years, according to the military regulations of the country, and in 1907 he crossed to London, England, where he worked at the jeweler's trade for several years. In June, 1911, he came to America and took up his abode in Boise, Idaho. Later he accepted a position in Salt Lake City and in 1915 he purchased a jewelry store in Rock Springs. Today he has the leading jewelry establishment in his section of the state and he is regarded as one of the best watchmakers in Wyoming. He is bending every effort toward the development of his trade and the upbuilding of his business and his labors are being attended with substantial results.

On the 9th of June, 1911, in Kamen, Germany, Mr. Wienpahl was united in marriage to Miss Constance Mary Develin, who was born in Brighton, England, and they have one child, Paul de Velin, who was born in Rock Springs, March 6, 1916. Mr. Wienpahl has become a naturalized American citizen, but in politics maintains an independent course. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and his religious belief is that of the Protestant church. Mr. Wienpahl did not come to the new world with the intention of remaining in spirit a resident of Germany. On the contrary he is a loyal American in every particular and is a well educated, broad-minded man who commands and merits the respect of all with whom he comes in contact. He has made for himself a creditable place in the business circles of his community and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

WILLIAM C. DEMING.

William C. Deming came to Wyoming in March, 1901, from Warren, Ohio, to assume the editorship of the Wyoming Daily Tribune. From the time of his arrival, he took a broad view of state affairs and began to make the Tribune a state paper rather than a local institution.

In November, 1902, the first general election after his arrival in Wyoming, he was elected a member of the seventh legislature and was an active member of that body. He was chairman of the committee on education and did a great deal toward revising and improving laws affecting public schools. His most important bill was that for a state depository law, which although defeated, became an issue in succeeding elections. Mr. Deming carried on an educational campaign and brought about the enactment of the law in 1907. Under the act all state, county and city funds draw interest.

He was appointed by Governor De Forest Richards a member and secretary of the Wyoming commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis in 1904. He held the same position by the appointment of Governor B. B. Brooks at the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland in 1905.

In 1906, in addition to his duties as editor of the Tribune, he began a propaganda for the settlement of the semi-arid lands in Wyoming by farmers and the cutting up of big ranches into farms. He spoke and wrote about it frequently. The movement has succeeded beyond the expectations of the most hopeful and removed the last lingering doubt of the skeptics. Due to the local committee of which he was chairman, which made experiments on land owned by himself and fellow members near the city, has grown up the department of farming and agriculture in Wyoming. Mr. Deming is regarded as the "father of the dry farming" movement in this state. His faith, persistence and the years of publicity he gave it overcame both doubt and prejudice and made arid farming secure.



William C. Denning

In 1907 he was appointed receiver of public moneys in the United States land office at Cheyenne by President Theodore Roosevelt, was reappointed by President William H. Taft and served three months under President Woodrow Wilson. This brought him in close daily touch with the new farmer.

After retiring from this office, he made an extensive trip abroad, returning to Cheyenne, where he resumed the editorship of the Wyoming Tribune and the Wyoming Stockman-Farmer, the latter a stock and farm paper with a large circulation in Wyoming and adjoining states.

W. C. Deming was born at Mount Olivet, Kentucky, on December 6, 1869, his father being Osmer S. Deming, a native of New York and a prominent lawyer. His mother, Leona Rigg Deming, was a native of Kentucky.

Mr. Deming combines in himself many of the characteristics of both sections. He is a descendant of John Deming, the "Settler" who came to Wethersfield, Connecticut, about 1635. He is a graduate of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, having received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. He has been admitted to the bar both in the state of Kentucky and Wyoming and was editor of the Warren Daily Tribune at Warren, Ohio, several years before coming west. He is still the president of the company which owns and publishes that paper. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the National Arts Club of New York city.

He organized the Deming Realty Company and the Tribune Building Company, which own and conduct valuable real estate holdings in the city of Cheyenne. He has been identified with every active movement looking toward the growth of Wyoming and its capital city for eighteen years. His greatest achievement, however, is that which resulted in the converting of Laramie county from a grazing, cattle and sheep pasture to the sections of beautiful farms.

Through his personal influence and editorship, Wyoming has adopted much progressive legislation, notably a primary election law, workmen's compensation act, public utilities statute and an independent judiciary.

Mr. Deming is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

At Warren, Ohio, in June, 1907, he was united in marriage with Zell P. Hart.

JOHN RALPH MARQUIS, M. D.

Dr. John Ralph Marquis is engaged in the general practice of medicine at Kemmerer, where he is also conducting a private hospital. He has followed his profession there since 1909, in which year he completed his preparation for the practice of medicine and surgery by graduation from the Nebraska College of Medicine.

He is numbered among the native sons of Nebraska, his birth having occurred in Stromsburg, Polk county, May 1, 1879, his parents being Joseph and Sarah (Timmons) Marquis, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. The father came of Scotch-Irish ancestry but the Marquis family was founded in the Keystone state at an early period in its development. He was reared and educated in Pennsylvania and in young manhood removed westward to Iowa, where he was in the railroad service for a time. He afterward took up his abode in Nebraska in the latter '60s and became one of the pioneer settlers of Polk county, where he was engaged in farming and in the live stock business. He followed that pursuit for many years. He was a Civil war veteran, enlisting with an Iowa company at the time of the hostilities between the north and the south, and he participated in Perry's raids in Missouri. He died in Leavenworth, Kansas, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, passing away on the 9th of March, 1916. His wife was also of Scotch-Irish descent. She is still living and now makes her home in Kemmerer at the age of seventy-three years, her birth

having occurred in April, 1845. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, of whom John Ralph was the second in order of birth.

In the country schools of his native county Dr. Marquis began his education and afterward attended the Fremont Normal School at Fremont, Nebraska, from which he was graduated with the Ph. G. and B. S. degrees in 1905. His early life had been spent upon the home farm and he became familiar with all the duties and labors incident to the development of the fields and the care of the crops, for in his boyhood his time was divided between the duties of the school-room, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. Before he entered the normal school he took up the profession of teaching in Boyd county and also continued his work as an educator at several other points in Nebraska. After his graduation from the Fremont Normal School he determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work and then entered the Nebraska College of Medicine, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1909. He completed his course there in May and on the 13th of June he arrived in Kemmerer. On the 4th of July he received his state license to practice and has since been engaged in the active work of his profession save during the fall of 1911 and the spring of 1912, which periods he spent at Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, doing post graduate work to further advance his efficiency in his profession. He has continued successfully in the general practice of medicine and surgery and he also conducts a private hospital with accommodations for ten patients. He established the hospital on the 9th of September, 1917, and it is known as the Marquis Hospital. It is modern in every detail and its equipment is of the most advanced kind, so that patients there receive the utmost care and attention possible, with all facilities to advance speedy recovery and aid nature and science in the effort to restore health.

Dr. Marquis is a republican in his political views and in 1915 he served as mayor of Kemmerer, giving to the city a business-like and progressive administration. He is a young man possessed of those qualities which ensure success and advancement. It was by teaching pharmacy and materia medica that he worked his way through the university, thus displaying the determination that will ever enable him to overcome obstacles and difficulties in his path and carry forward to successful completion what he undertakes. He holds to high professional standards, closely observing the ethics of the medical fraternity and readily adopting the most advanced scientific methods which promise to prove efficient factors in medical and surgical practice.

EVERETT L. WOODFORD.

Business enterprise finds expression in the career of Everett L. Woodford, who is the secretary and treasurer of the Woodford Clothing Company of Laramie. He is imbued in all that he undertakes with the spirit of progress and his well defined plans and purposes have carried him steadily forward to success.

He was born in Agency, Iowa, April 2, 1880, and is a son of the late N. A. Woodford, who was a native of that state and belonged to one of the old families of Iowa of English descent. He devoted his life to merchandising and became a pioneer merchant of Wapello county, Iowa, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in the spring of 1898, when he was sixty-nine years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Day, was a native of Ohio and represented one of the pioneer families of that state of English and Scotch lineage. Mrs. Woodford is still living, residing upon the old homestead in Iowa. By her marriage she became the mother of five children.

Everett L. Woodford, the youngest of the family, was educated in the public and high schools of Iowa and in the Spaulding Business College of Kansas City, Missouri. At the age of eighteen years he made his initial step in the business world and was first employed in his father's store. After his father's death he

continued to conduct the business for a time and then closed it out and removed to Kansas City, Missouri. Following his graduation from business college he followed bookkeeping in Kansas City for a year and subsequently returned to Iowa, settling in Ottumwa, where he engaged in clerking in a clothing store for two years, thus gaining initial experience along the line in which he is now engaged. He afterward went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was employed by Wyman, Partridge & Company, wholesale dealers in dry goods. He remained with the firm for four years in the house and then went upon the road as a traveling salesman, representing the company in that capacity for six years, during four years of which time he traveled over Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado. He became impressed with the west and its opportunities and particularly with Laramie and in 1909 he established his present business in Laramie under the firm name of the Drew Clothing Company, H. A. Drew being his partner in the undertaking. In 1912 Mr. Woodford took over Mr. Drew's interests, at which time he severed his connection with Wyman, Partridge & Company, for whom he had continued to travel up to that date. He then reorganized his business under the name of the Woodford Clothing Company, of which he is the secretary and treasurer, with Mrs. J. J. Woodford as the president and E. D. Woodford as the vice president. He has since been active in the control and management of the business, the firm carrying a large stock of clothing and haberdashery. In fact this is the leading store of the kind in this section of Wyoming, if not in the entire state. The business has been a pronounced success from the start, due in large measure to the efforts and attention of Everett L. Woodford, who is a representative young merchant, alert, energetic and wide awake to every possibility opened in the natural ramifications of trade.

On the 28th of July, 1908, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, Mr. Woodford was united in marriage to Miss June Johnson, native of Minnesota, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Johnson, who were of Norwegian birth. Mr. and Mrs. Woodford have become the parents of two sons: Charles Day, who was born in Laramie, May 21, 1910; and John Sheridan, born September 25, 1913.

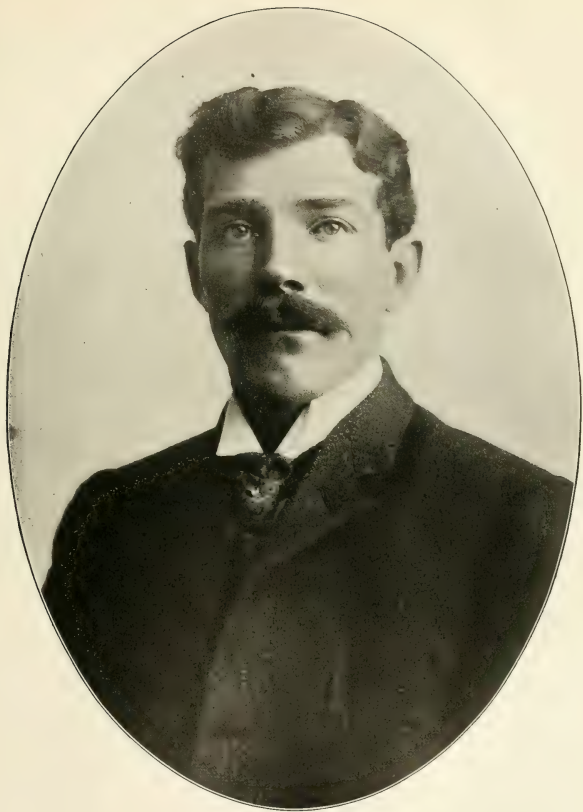
The parents are members of the First Presbyterian church and they occupy an enviable social position in Laramie. Mr. Woodford is a progressive republican and fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and stands for all those projects put forth by the organization for the benefit and upbuilding of his adopted city. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability his excellent management and his long experience have brought to the concern with which he is connected a large degree of success. The safe, conservative policy which he inaugurated commends itself to the judgment of all and has secured to the company a patronage which makes the volume of trade transacted of great importance and magnitude.

CHARLES C. RATE.

Among the well known and prominent representatives of the sheep industry in Wyoming is Charles C. Rate, living at Shoshoni. He has engaged in this business since attaining his majority and long experience and close study of the question have well qualified him for the successful conduct of his interests.

Iowa claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Cedar county, August 13, 1878, his parents being John and Eliza (Collins) Rate. The father was a native of England, while the mother was born in Ohio, but their marriage was celebrated in Iowa. They removed westward to Wyoming in 1886, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of this state, where they spent their remaining days, both having now passed away. In their family were five children, of whom four are yet living.

Charles C. Rate was reared in Wyoming and obtained a common school



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education. He was a lad of but eight years at the time the family arrived in the west. After reaching adult age he became connected with the sheep industry, in which he has since engaged. He has found the business both congenial and profitable and he is today the owner of extensive landed holdings, upon which he has large flocks of sheep, near Shoshoni. He is also interested in oil lands in this locality and his business connections are of a character which have contributed to general progress and prosperity as well as to his individual success. Moreover, he is a director of the Shoshoni State Bank. He is a man of keen discernment and sound judgment, possesses honesty of purpose and everyday common sense—a quality which is too often lacking in the conduct of business affairs.

In 1908 Mr. Rate was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Schaefer, a native of Nebraska, and to them has been born a son, Henry Charles.

The parents are loyal members of the Episcopal church, doing all in their power to further its growth and extend its influence. Mr. Rate votes with the republican party and is now serving as a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of all progressive plans and measures for the general good. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and is in thorough sympathy with the purposes of the craft. Living in Wyoming for nearly a third of a century, he has witnessed practically the entire growth and development of the section of the state in which he makes his home.

It is a well known fact that it is the enterprise and character of the citizens that enrich and ennoble a commonwealth, and that the progress of a community is not due so much to the machinery of government or the men who occupy the public offices as to the business men who are utilizing the natural resources of a country and are creating beneficial results by opening up possibilities for trade, thereby advancing civilization. In the latter connection Charles C. Rate has become well known and his position among the leading sheep men of Wyoming is an enviable one.

JOHN WILLIAMSON PRICE, M. D.

Dr. John Williamson Price, actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Wyoming, was born in Lake county, Tennessee, December 12, 1878, a son of William T. and Amanda Louise (Oursler) Price, who were also natives of Tennessee, where lived the grandparents and the great-grandparents of Dr. John Williamson Price.

The father of Dr. Price was a well known cotton planter of Tennessee and also engaged in the real estate business at Collierville, where his death occurred in 1903. His widow survives and yet makes her home in that place. In their family were six children: J. G., now living in Dyersburg, Tennessee; Mrs. J. W. Lynch, a resident of Collierville, where her husband is cashier in the bank; Frances, Laura and Willie, all of Collierville; and Dr. Price of this review, who is the eldest of the family.

In his boyhood days John Williamson Price was a pupil in the public schools of his native city and also attended the Bellevue high school at Collierville, subsequent to which time he entered Milligan College and still later supplemented his broad literary learning by professional study. Having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he became a student in the Memphis Hospital Medical College from which he was graduated with the class of 1903. He took post graduate work in Chicago in 1915 and again in 1917 and throughout his professional career he has kept in close touch with the trend of modern scientific thought and investigation. He utilizes the results of the latest research work and discoveries in his practice, readily discriminating between the essential and the nonessential in all that has to do with his professional activity. He entered upon the active practice of medicine in Marvell, Arkansas, in 1903, and there resided

for a decade, removing to Laramie on the 1st of May, 1912. In the intervening period covering about six years, he has built up an extensive practice. He became the associate of Dr. William Harris, with whom he remained until February, 1917, when he became associated with Dr. R. M. Leake, formerly of Collierville, Tennessee. Dr. Price has served as city physician of Laramie and is surgeon for the Colorado, Wyoming & Eastern Railway Company; at the same time he enjoys a large private practice and is widely known in professional connections. He belongs to the Albany County Medical Society and to the Wyoming State Medical Society. Aside from his professional work Dr. Price has other business interests, one of which is the Hutton Lake Oil and Gas Company, of which he is vice president. He served as a member of the Albany county exemption board during the year 1917.

On the 5th of February, 1904, in Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. Price was united in marriage to Miss Viola V. Sanderlin, of Collierville, Tennessee. Both, Dr. Price's family, and that of his wife are among the old families in that section of Tennessee and date back to the early part of the past century, when they emigrated there from Virginia. They have one child, Amanda Louise, who was born in Collierville, Tennessee, August 2, 1906, and is now attending the University of Wyoming as a pupil in the training school. Dr. Price is deeply interested in the cause of education and for two years served as a member of the school board of Laramie. He is actuated by a spirit of progress and improvement in all that he does and advances steadily step by step not only in his chosen profession but in public connections as well. He possesses a social nature that makes for personal popularity and he has gained an extensive circle of friends during the period of his residence in Wyoming.

PETER S. COOK.

Peter S. Cook, one of the well known business men of Cheyenne, where he is conducting a plumbing and heating establishment, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, March 27, 1859, a son of David and Helen (Smith) Cook. The father was engaged in the insurance business and both he and his wife spent their entire lives in Scotland. The father has passed away but the mother is still living.

Reared in the land of hills and heather, Peter S. Cook pursued his education in the grammar schools of Scotland and after his textbooks were put aside began learning the plumber's trade in that country. In order to further advance his education he also attended night school, having come to a recognition of the fact that thorough intellectual training is one of the most vital preparations for life's practical and responsible duties. He left his native country when twenty years of age, crossing the Atlantic to the United States. He landed at Boston, where he remained for three years, and then sought the opportunities of the west, arriving in Denver in 1883. He spent six months in that city and on the 1st of September of the same year came to Cheyenne, where he was employed for a brief period as a journeyman. In 1884, however, he embarked in business on his own account and today is the oldest representative of the plumbing and heating business not only in the city but in the state of Wyoming. From the beginning he has enjoyed substantial success, his trade steadily growing with the increase in the population of Cheyenne. He has worked in his line on the state capitol, on the First National Bank, the Plains Hotel and most of the important business blocks of the city and has also installed the plumbing and heating systems in many of the best residences of Cheyenne.

In September, 1886, Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brown and to them have been born five children, Elizabeth, Robert, William, David and Louis, but the last named was killed in a street car accident when twenty-five years of age.

Mr. Cook has been a stalwart champion of the republican party since becom-

ing a naturalized American citizen and has done effective and active work in its behalf. He has become one of the recognized local leaders in party ranks and for two terms he served as mayor of Cheyenne. It was while Mr. Cook was mayor of Cheyenne that the city water system at a cost of over one million dollars was installed. It is considered one of the best water works in the entire country and no small credit is due Mr. Cook for his efficiency and tireless energy in looking after the progress of the work during the construction period, his many years of experience making his efforts particularly valuable to the city. He also represented his district in the state legislature as a member of the house for one term and also as a member of the senate for one term and has thus been connected with much important constructive legislation looking to the development of the interests of the state and the safeguarding of public affairs. Fraternally he is a very prominent Mason, the honorary thirty-third degree having been conferred upon him, and he has also become a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Woodmen of the World and he has membership in the Industrial Club. In a word, he is one of the prominent and influential residents of Cheyenne who for more than a third of a century has been closely identified with the city along the lines of material, political and social progress. All who know him—and he has a wide acquaintance—attest his high personal worth and his progressive citizenship.

W. J. McLAUGHLIN.

W. J. McLaughlin, one of Riverton's most prominent citizens, is vice president and a director of the Wyomont Company, a million dollar corporation, formed for the manufacture of potash and sulphur and for the handling of copper properties. He is also vice president and a director of the Hall Oil Company, vice president and a director of the Wyoming Tie & Timber Company and is occupying the same official positions in four other corporations. The nature and variety of his interests place him in a conspicuous position in business circles, his ability being recognized by his colleagues and contemporaries. Power grows through the exercise of effort and in the conduct of increasingly important interests Mr. McLaughlin has reached a position of leadership, in which his influence is marked, while his efforts are far reaching in results.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Johnstown, September 9, 1853, a son of George and Catherine L. (Gordon) McLaughlin, the father a native of Scotland, and the mother of Pennsylvania. The father came to the new world as a youth with a brother and in this country he met his future wife. They were married in the Keystone state and took up their abode in Johnstown, where Mr. McLaughlin became a contractor and builder. It was he who built the canal from Johnstown to Pittsburgh. He was drowned when his son, W. J. McLaughlin, was but ten months of age. The mother, however, kept her little family of three sons and a daughter together, carefully rearing them to manhood and womanhood, providing for them in every possible way that a devoted mother could do.

W. J. McLaughlin was educated in the public schools of Johnstown, where he resided until his twenty-fourth year. In 1877 he went west to Kansas and for ten years was engaged in farming in Rooks county. In 1887 he removed to Alliance, Nebraska, where he accepted a contract on the construction of the Burlington Railroad from that point to Sheridan, Wyoming. He located his family in Newcastle, Wyoming, and after the completion of his contract accepted another contract with the Burlington Railroad to furnish the company with ties. He then went to the Black Hills of South Dakota, removing his family to Spearfish, that state, and for some years he was engaged in getting out ties for the railroad company. In 1911, however, he returned to Wyoming, and after spending two years in Sheridan took up his abode in Riverton, where he accepted a contract with the



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Northwestern Railroad Company to furnish them a half million ties a year for ten years. While conducting his tie business he became identified with the Hall Oil Company and was made a member of the board of directors and vice president of the company. He contributed materially to the success of the corporation and to the development of the oil resources of the state. Recognizing the opportunities in this direction as the indications were that a large tract of Wyoming land was underlaid with oil, he assisted in organizing four other oil companies, of which he is the vice president and a member of the board of directors. He has been a dominant factor in the organization of the Wyomont Company, of which he is also vice president and a director. In these connections he is bending his efforts to administrative direction and executive control and the results achieved have been highly satisfactory to the companies with which he is identified.

On the 28th of December, 1876, in Braddock, Pennsylvania, Mr. McLaughlin was united in marriage to Miss Edintha Johnston, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and to them have been born four children, namely: Leo E., who is associated with his father in various business enterprises; Ethel M., the wife of Melvin McCoy, of Riverton; Ray F., who is also his father's business associate; and Grace A., the wife of George Boland, of Riverton. Mrs. McLaughlin holds membership in the Methodist church.

Mr. McLaughlin gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally he is well known as a Mason, having attained high rank in the order. He belongs to Riverton Lodge, No. 26, F. & A. M.; to Spearfish Commandery, K. T.; and to Black Hills Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R. He is also a member of the Naja Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Deadwood, South Dakota. His equipment for life's practical duties was good and he soon passed on to positions of executive control, subsequently bending his energies largely to organization, to constructive efforts and administrative direction. Possessing broad, enlightened and liberal-minded views, faith in himself and in the vast potentialities for development inherent in his country's wide domain, his has been an active career, in which he has accomplished important and far-reaching results, contributing in no small degree to the expansion and material growth of the state, from which he himself has derived substantial profit.

ISIDOR KASTOR.

Isidor Kastor, one of the progressive business men of Evanston, dealing in men's clothing, was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 13th of May, 1860, and is a son of S. Kastor and Babetta Kastor, who spent their entire lives in their native land. The father was there engaged in merchandising and both he and his wife are now deceased. The mother bore the maiden name of Babetta Allenberg and was a native of Bavaria. There were four children of that marriage, of whom Isidor is the eldest.

In his boyhood days he attended the public schools of his native country and in 1883, when a young man of twenty-three years, determined to try his fortune in the new world. Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic and made his way into the interior of the country, settling first in Arkansas. In 1885, however, he arrived in Wyoming and took up his abode in Evanston, where he established one of the first mercantile enterprises in Uinta county. He has built up a splendid business as a dealer in men's clothing and furnishings, and although he started the business on a small scale, he has today an extensive and profitable trade. He occupies one of the finest business blocks in Evanston and his store is equal to that to be found in any city in the state.

On the 29th of December, 1889, Mr. Kastor was married to Miss Fannie Lewis, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Lewis, who were pioneer settlers of Wyoming. They have four children. Louis, who was born in Evanston in November, 1890, and is a graduate of the public schools here, is married and now

resides in Kemmerer. Selma, born in Evanston in 1892, attended the Conservatory of Music at Boston, Massachusetts, and also studied music in Europe. She was a teacher of languages in the high school at Evanston, and has become the wife of M. L. Katz, an attorney of Worcester, Massachusetts. Shirley, born in Evanston in 1895, was graduated from the high school and is now in business with his father. He is also a graduate of a commercial school at Boston, Massachusetts. Bertha, the youngest of the family, was born in Evanston in 1905 and is still in school.

Mr. Kastor is a thirty-second degree Mason, prominent in the order, and he is also connected with the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he served as mayor of his city from 1914 until 1916, having been elected on the citizens' ticket. He was also a member of the board of education for six years and at all times he stands for progress and improvement in relation to those interests which have to do with the upbuilding and welfare of his community, his county or the commonwealth. He is, judged from a business standpoint, entirely a self-made man and he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. Starting out empty-handed, he has so utilized his opportunities that he has advanced steadily step by step and is today one of the foremost merchants and leading citizens of Uinta county.

WILLIAM F. MECUM.

William F. Mecum, attorney-at-law of Douglas, who for more than a third of a century has been actively engaged in practice, was born on the 10th of January, 1856, in Henry county, Illinois, a son of Charles B. and Frances Helen (Richards) Mecum. The father was descended from French and Irish ancestry, while the mother came of Welsh and English lineage. The great-grandfathers on both sides, however, were reared in the new world. Charles B. Mecum was numbered among the California Argonauts who in 1849 made their way to the Pacific coast in search of the golden fleece. He afterward returned to Illinois, where he made his home for a considerable period, but eventually removed to Iowa. He was a well to do farmer and stock man. In the family were three sons and two daughters.

William F. Mecum, who was the eldest of the family, after completing his education by a high school course in Illinois, took up the profession of teaching. He was nineteen years of age when the family removed to Iowa and later he turned his attention to the study of law, devoting three years to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence in the office and under the direction of the firm of McDuffy & Howard at Jefferson, Iowa; and with Norris Brown, of Omaha, Nebraska, who had also been a law student at the same time, was admitted to the bar on the 1st of September, 1883. The two young men then formed a partnership under the firm name of Mecum & Brown and opened a law office at Perry, Iowa, where Mr. Mecum remained until April, 1886, when he left the middle west and came to Wyoming, settling at Fort Fetterman. Mr. Mecum was the first attorney to take up his abode in Douglas, going there on June 9, 1886. He afterward removed to Grand Island, Nebraska, where he practiced law one and a half years and then was in the hotel business, coming back to Douglas, Wyoming, in the spring of 1895. He then taught school three years, after which period he filled the office of county attorney for three two-year terms. He was the first justice of the peace elected and the first police judge of the city. He also served as under sheriff with J. T. Williams, who was then occupying the position of sheriff. Mr. Mecum filled that position for a year and a half and he also acted as principal of the schools of Douglas in an early day, for at that period there was not much business for an attorney, as there were about fifteen attorneys here waiting for business, the county seat being at Laramie City, a distance of about one



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hundred and forty miles away. With the settlement of the county, however, his clientage increased and has long since enjoyed a good practice which has connected him with much of the important litigation heard in the courts of his district. Few lawyers win a larger percentage of their cases before either judge or jury than does Mr. Mecum. He convinces by his concise statement of law and facts rather than by word painting, and so high is the respect for his legal ability and integrity that his assertions in court are seldom questioned.

Mr. Mecum was united in marriage on the 25th of December, 1888, at Grand Island, Nebraska, to Miss Kate G. Koush, a daughter of David S. and Sarah M. Roush, and their children are: Grace E., now the wife of Elmer Clark, residing at Douglas; Frances H., the wife of R. F. Bower, of Worland; Jessie L.; Clara A.; and Verna H. The family occupy an enviable position in social circles and their home, one of the most beautiful in the town, is noted for its warm-hearted hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Mecum hold membership in the Methodist church.

Judge Mecum is fond of athletics and his interest therein has been a factor in maintaining his excellent health. He belongs to the Commercial Club and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never been an office seeker. He prefers to concentrate his undivided thought and attention upon his professional interests and duties. He gives to his clients a service of great talent, unwearied industry and broad learning, but he never forgets that there are certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and, above all, to justice and the righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success permits him to disregard.

WILLIAM GIBSON.

Among those who are active in connection with the conduct of commercial interests in Basin is numbered William Gibson, who is proprietor of a furniture and undertaking establishment, which he is successfully conducting. He was born in Scotland, July 12, 1864, and is a son of George and Mary (Hutchinson) Gibson, who were also natives of the land of hills and heather, where they spent their entire lives, never coming to the new world. They had a family of thirteen children, eight of whom are yet living.

William Gibson was reared and educated in Scotland, there remaining until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world with Canada as his destination. He remained in that country for three years or until 1890, when he came to the United States, settling first in Rawlins, Wyoming, where he engaged in the sheep business. In 1896 he made his way westward to the Big Horn country and ran sheep in the Big Horn basin until 1902, when he sold his interests in that connection in order to concentrate his efforts and attention upon commercial interests. He then established a clothing store, which he conducted until 1907, when he sold out but later turned his attention to the furniture and undertaking business, in which he has since been engaged at Basin, having a well appointed store in which he carries a large and carefully selected line of goods. His business methods, which are thoroughly reliable, and his unfaltering enterprise have been the chief sources of his growing success. In addition to his mercantile interests he is the vice president of the Bighorn County Bank and he is also a member of the Basin Hall Company, of which he is the treasurer.

In 1902 Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Keith, a native of Indiana, and to them have been born the following children: Lester H., who is attending high school; Frederick W., at school; Alberta, who is deceased; and Richard K. Mrs. Gibson is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church.

The family occupies an attractive residence in Basin and Mr. Gibson also owns a brick store building in the city and a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres not far distant. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he is now serving for a second term as a member of the city council of Basin. In 1910 he was appointed postmaster under President Taft and served for four and a half years. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of enterprise and progress that never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose.

ABRAHAM CRAWFORD.

Abraham Crawford, attorney at law, actively engaged in practice in Evanston, was born on the 9th of September, 1870, in Renfrewshire, Scotland, a son of Jeremiah Crawford, who was likewise born in the land of hills and heather and who came to America in 1896. Making his way westward, he took up his abode at Almy, Uinta county, Wyoming, where he lived retired to the time of his death, which occurred November 30, 1901, when he had reached the age of sixty-four years, the month of his birth having been February, 1837. His wife bore the maiden name of Janet Reid and she, too, was a native of Scotland. She accompanied her husband to the United States and passed away November 20, 1912, at the age of seventy-four years, her birth having occurred in August, 1838. The children of their marriage were ten in number, six sons and four daughters, eight of whom are yet living, Abraham being the seventh in order of birth.

Abraham Crawford pursued his early education in the public schools of his native country and later matriculated in Glasgow University. It was his mother's wish that he should become a Presbyterian minister and to that end he was given liberal educational advantages. He continued in the university for several years but at length determined to follow some line of business and severed home ties, leaving Scotland for the new world. On the 23d of June, 1893, as a passenger on the steamship City of Rome, a vessel of the Anchor Line, he landed at New York and thence made his way directly westward to Evanston, Wyoming, where he arrived on the 28th of June. He secured employment in the mines at Almy and gave his attention to coal mining until May, 1899, during which time he took up the study of law and perfected himself for his chosen profession. He then removed to Mercur, Utah, where he was employed along metal lines, and while thus engaged he continued his legal studies and was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Utah on the 12th of February, 1900. After having been elected city marshal of Mercur and serving in the position for a time he went to Nevada, where he engaged in mining and prospecting, continuing active along the latter line until 1907. He then returned to Almy, Wyoming, and again worked in the mines until 1908, when he removed to Evanston. He was then elected county attorney of Uinta county and served in that capacity for two years, after which he was reelected in 1912 and again in 1914, so that he served altogether in that office for a period of six years. At the same time he continued in the private practice of his profession and his record is most creditable by reason of the fact that he has been untiring in his devotion to the interests of his clients, nor does he ever forget that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law. The thoroughness with which he prepares his cases and the clearness of his arguments are salient features in his growing success.

On the 2d of October, 1890, in Scotland, Mr. Crawford was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Bella Gray, a native of Scotland and a daughter of William and Janet (Tennant) Gray, the former now deceased. Mr. and Mrs.

Crawford became the parents of seven children: Janet, Maggie, William, Abraham, Annie and Maud Ethel who were twins, the latter dying seven weeks after birth, and one who died unnamed in infancy. The wife and mother passed away February 9, 1914, at Evanston, when forty-five years of age, her birth having occurred March 25, 1869. On the 21st of December, 1916, Mr. Crawford was again married, his second union being with Miss Agnes Hurst, a native of Scotland and a daughter of William and Sarah (Rankin) Hurst, the former now deceased.

Mr. Crawford is connected with the Royal Highlanders and is a past grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His military record comprises service as a sergeant in the Home Guard of Evanston. From the age of eleven years Mr. Crawford has been dependent upon his own resources. His ambition and his initiative have enabled him to work his way steadily upward. He was employed in the mines of Scotland in his youthful days and was afterward connected for many years with mining interests in Wyoming and Utah but at length, actuated by a laudable ambition to enter upon a professional career, he took up the study of law and since his admission to the bar has made rapid progress in his profession. In politics he is a republican and was elected second vice president of the Wyoming State Bar Association at their last meeting.

JOHN E. MEAD.

John E. Mead, of Newcastle, one of the prominent cattle and sheep men of Wyoming, operating in Weston and Niobara counties of this state and also in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of South Dakota, is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Harrison county on the 31st of October, 1870. His father was a native of Scotland who, having left the land of hills and heather in 1850 and sailed for the new world, finally located in Iowa in the early '50s, where he was afterward married to Emma O'Neill, a native daughter of Iowa. Subsequent he removed to Nebraska and later became a resident of South Dakota, establishing his home at Hot Springs, where he spent his remaining days, his death there occurring in the early '90s.

John E. Mead, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the district schools, acquainting himself with the common branches of learning which constitute the foundation for all educational progress or business success. As early as his nineteenth year he became interested in a partnership with his father in the live stock business in Nebraska, afterward removing to the Hot Springs country of South Dakota, where he was engaged in sheep raising. He operated a sheep ranch in that section for three years and then trailed his flocks over the border into Weston county, Wyoming. He has since been identified with business interests in this section and not only is he engaged extensively in raising sheep, but also cattle, and his business affairs are wisely, carefully and profitably conducted. He is a man of determined purpose, diligent and progressive, and his well controlled interests have brought to him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

Mr. Mead was married to Miss Marie Baker of Boyd, Wyoming, in 1907, and to them have been born two children, Keith and Frances.

ALFRED F. STOTT.

Alfred F. Stott, filling the position of postmaster in Douglas, was born in Milton, New York, on the 10th of December, 1868, and is a son of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Place) Stott, in whose family were four daughters and two sons, Alfred F. being the youngest child. The public schools of Poughkeepsie,



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New York, afforded him his early educational privileges and his studies were continued in the public schools of Brooklyn, where he passed through consecutive grades to the high school, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He made his initial step in the business world as an employee of the Chemical Bank of New York, but ill health at length compelled him to seek a better climate and he went to Florida, where he remained for three years. In 1890 he removed westward to Colorado and while living in Douglas county, that state, filled the position of county sheriff in a most creditable and acceptable manner and also made an equally enviable record as postmaster at Castle Rock, serving during the second administration of President Cleveland. In the fall of 1907 Mr. Stott arrived in Wyoming, where he has since made his home. Locating in Douglas, he secured a clerkship in a general merchandise store and occupied that position until appointed postmaster of Douglas. He has since occupied the position and is very thorough, systematic and methodical in the care of the mails and in the performance of all the duties connected with the office.

On the 17th of July, 1895, Mr. Stott was united in marriage to Miss Alma Calkins and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter: Charles E., who is with the United States Signal Corps as a member of the regular army; Helen E.; and Alfred F., Jr. The religious faith of the family is that of the Episcopal church and Mr. Stott also has membership with the Woodmen of the World and with the Royal Highlanders. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he has been an active and earnest worker in its ranks, believing firmly in its principles. He is interested in all that has to do with the welfare and progress of his city and state, and his influence is ever on the side of advancement and improvement. As a public official and as a business man he has become widely known in Douglas and the sterling traits of his character have won for him a large circle of warm friends.

WALTER A. MUIR.

Walter A. Muir, occupying an enviable position as a representative of the bar at Rock Springs, is one of the substantial citizens that Pennsylvania has furnished to Wyoming. He was born in Scotchtown, Westmoreland county, November 6, 1885, a son of David M. and Christina (McQuarrie) Muir, of whose family of eleven children ten are yet living.

Walter A. Muir was the tenth in order of birth in that household. Both of his parents were natives of Scotland. The father came to America in 1866, settling first in Maryland, where he engaged in mining. He afterward returned to Scotland and several years later again came to the new world. He took up his abode at that time in Pennsylvania, where he resided until 1886, when with his family he removed to the west, establishing his home in Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he resided for three decades, departing this life October 27, 1916, at the age of seventy-six years. During the period of his residence in this state he was engaged in coal mining and in ranching and was quite successful in the conduct of his business affairs. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he took an active interest in the political situation of the country, doing all in his power to promote the growth and advance the success of his party. He stood at all times for those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride and he rendered valuable service to his community as a member of the police force of Rock Springs. He also served as county coroner and was a member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church and he was a devout Christian, his religion constituting one of the strong elements in his life and guiding him in all of his relations with his fellowmen. His wife was born near the estate of Sir William Wallace, in the highlands of Scotland. They were married in the land of hills and heather

and Mrs. Muir accompanied her husband to the new world. She, too, passed away in Rock Springs, her death occurring in 1909, when she was sixty-five years of age. They gave to their children excellent educational opportunities and lived to rear ten of their children and see them become useful members of society.

Walter A. Muir was only about a year old when the family home was established in Wyoming, so that practically his entire life has been passed in Rock Springs, where at the usual age he became a public school pupil, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school. He pursued an academic course in the Nebraska State University and then entered upon the study of law, winning the LL. B. degree upon graduation from the Denver University in the class of 1909. Immediately following his graduation he returned to Rock Springs, where he entered upon the private practice of law, and in 1909 he formed a partnership with T. S. Taliaferro under the firm style of Taliaferro & Muir. They have continued in the general practice of law and their clientele has become extensive and of an important character. They have been connected with much litigation that has elicited wide public attention. From the outset of his career Mr. Muir has recognized the necessity for thorough preparation and never enters the court room until he has thoroughly studied his case from every standpoint, preparing for defense as well as for attack. His devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial and his ability is attested by the liberal practice accorded him.

On the 4th of June, 1914, Mr. Muir was married in Rock Springs, Wyoming, to Miss Mary L. Devlin, who was born in Carbon, Wyoming, a daughter of Felix and Mary Devlin, who were pioneer settlers of this state. The father was a Civil war veteran and subsequent to the conflict between the north and the south he sought the opportunities of the west and became identified with the development of Wyoming. To Mr. and Mrs. Muir has been born a son, Walter Joseph, whose birth occurred in Rock Springs, March 4, 1915; and a daughter, Marion Louise, born February 24, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Muir occupy an attractive home in Rock Springs, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends. In addition to his property here he is part owner in a ranch and large herds of cattle, being secretary and treasurer of the Muir Cattle Company, a Wyoming corporation. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is one of the active workers in its ranks. He has served as county prosecuting attorney, being called to that office January 1, 1913, for a two years' term, and he is the present city attorney of Rock Springs. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while along strictly professional lines he has membership with the Wyoming State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is largely a self-educated as well as a self-made man and he partially provided for his expenses while pursuing a course in the university. He entered upon a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability and from the outset of his professional career has made steady progress owing to his close study, his analytical powers and his inductive reasoning, combined with the clearness and cogency of his arguments when he presents his cause to the courts.

EDWIN P. TAYLOR.

Edwin P. Taylor, commissioner of labor and a prominent citizen of Cheyenne, was born in Fort Sanders, Wyoming, August 3, 1876, a son of Andrew and Annie (Blake) Taylor. The father came to the west as first sergeant under Captain Pollock to protect the railroad builders against the Indians and spent his last days at Fort Sanders. His wife has also departed this life. In their family were two sons and five daughters.



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Edwin P. Taylor, who was the youngest child, pursued his education largely in the school of experience, for he had little opportunity to attend school during his youthful days. He learned the printer's trade in the office of the Boomerang and of the Cheyenne Leader and Tribune, after which he went upon the road as a printer. In 1911 he was made chief of the fire department of Cheyenne and occupied that position for six years, or until the 1st of March, 1917, when he was appointed by Governor Kendrick to the office of commissioner of labor, in which position he is now serving. He became the first labor commissioner of the state, the office having been created in that year.

In religious faith Mr. Taylor is a Catholic and he has attained the third degree in the Knights of Columbus. In politics he maintains an independent course, supporting men and measures rather than party. His military service covers connection with the Light Artillery Volunteers of Wyoming from May until November in the Spanish-American war. His entire life has been passed in Wyoming and thus for forty-two years he has been an interested witness of the growth and development of the state and its progress along many lines. His memory goes back to a period when the settlements were comparatively few within the borders of the state and the work of progress and improvement seemed scarcely begun. As the years passed, however, marvelous changes occurred and Mr. Taylor has at all times borne his part in the work of general transformation and improvement.

FRANK SUMNER BURRAGE.

Frank Sumner Burrage, secretary of the board of trustees, and registrar of the University of Wyoming and secretary to the president, which important position he has filled for ten years, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, October 23, 1872, a son of George Francis and Elizabeth (Hammond) Burrage, who were likewise natives of that state, the former having been born in Leominster and the latter in Fitchburg. His ancestors were among the prominent early New England families and the ancestral line is traced back to a very early epoch in the colonization of New England. Representatives of the name served in the Revolutionary war. His father was for many years a well known business man of Boston, Massachusetts, and is now living in San Jose, California. His wife passed away in that state. In their family were three children, the sisters of Frank S. Burrage being: Mrs. Walton, living in Cheyenne; and Mrs. Frank Johnston, whose home is in Rawlins, Wyoming.

Frank S. Burrage was the eldest of the family and in his boyhood days he became a pupil in the public schools of Boston, while later he entered Jarvis Hall at Denver, Colorado, from which in due course of time he was graduated. That institution was a boys' boarding school and he received thorough training there, completing the academic course by graduation with the class of 1891. He afterward returned to New England and entered Trinity College, of Hartford, Connecticut, where he won the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1895 and was honor man in history and economics. He was also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society and of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. Following the completion of his course in Hartford he returned to Denver, where he engaged in teaching in Jarvis Hall for two years. In January, 1898, he went to Cheyenne, where he acted as tutor to the son of Governor Charles Carey, whom he prepared for college. He then entered Judge Carey's office and there remained until 1901, when he returned east as far as Detroit, Michigan, where he had charge of the Hammond building, of the Hammond estate, for four years. In 1905 he again came to Wyoming and accepted the position of cashier of the Laramie Republican, with which he was identified until 1908. Since that time he has been connected with the University of Wyoming, becoming secretary of the board of trustees. In 1912 he was made registrar of the institution and secretary to the

president and has now filled this important position for five years. He is splendidly qualified by educational training and broad experience for the duties that devolve upon him, duties which he is discharging with marked capability.

On the 15th of September, 1908, Mr. Burrage was married to Miss Mary Vincent McClelland, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Farley McClelland, representatives of a well known New York family. Mr. and Mrs. Burrage have become parents of two children: Nancy, who was born December 12, 1910, in Laramie and is now attending the University training school; and Elizabeth, who was born August 17, 1917.

Mr. Burrage has always given his political allegiance to the republican party and he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the vital questions and issues of the day. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church.

LLOYD E. KINDALL, M. D.

Dr. Lloyd E. Kindall, chief surgeon and superintendent of the Lincoln County Miners Hospital at Kemmerer, bases his professional activity upon comprehensive preparation and wide subsequent study. He is today one of the best informed young physicians of the state and has the respect and confidence of colleagues, contemporaries and the general public.

He was born in Cleveland, Iowa, March 22, 1890, a son of Axel F. Kindall, a native of Sweden, who came to America with his parents when a lad of eight years, in 1872, his birth having occurred in March, 1864. The family home was established in Wapello county, Iowa, and the grandfather of the Doctor was the founder of the American branch of the family. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and his son, Axel F., was reared upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of those who devote their attention to the tilling of the soil. The public schools of Wapello county afforded him his educational privileges and after reaching man's estate he turned his attention to general merchandising, which he successfully followed in Iowa until 1902, when he removed to Colorado, settling at Denver. He was there division store manager for the Colorado Supply Company and in 1910 he embarked in business on his own account at Paonia, Colorado, where he engaged in general merchandising. He resided there until his death, which occurred on the 3d of November, 1914. He was a devout Christian and an active church worker both in the Lutheran and Methodist churches and did everything in his power to advance civic standards, but his business affairs prevented him taking an active part in public affairs and he always declined to become a candidate for office, although frequently solicited to do so. His business affairs were carefully and wisely conducted and brought to him a gratifying measure of success. He married Matilda Ahlstrom, a native of Sweden, who had come to the new world when a young girl with an aunt, settling in Iowa, where she met and married Mr. Kindall. They became the parents of six children, five of whom are yet living, and Mrs. Kindall still makes her home in Denver, Colorado.

Lloyd E. Kindall, who was the second in order of birth in the family, pursued a public school education in Iowa and attended high school in Colorado, after which he became a student in the University of Colorado, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree as a member of the class of 1913. From the age of sixteen years he has been dependent upon his own resources, for at that time he accepted a position in a mercantile house of Pueblo, Colorado. He has done all branches of work in mercantile lines, from service as delivery boy to that of manager of a department, but he preferred a professional career and after preparing for the practice of medicine he entered upon a nine months' service as interne in the L. D. S. Hospital at Salt Lake City, Utah. He afterward spent another year as interne in the hospital of the Southern Pacific Railway Company at San Francisco, California, and thus gained the comprehensive knowledge and



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broad experience which only hospital practice brings. He next became surgeon and superintendent of the Lincoln County Miners Hospital at Kemmerer, assuming charge on the 1st of September, 1915. Here he has since remained and has rendered most effective and valuable service. He also conducts a very large private practice in Kemmerer and throughout the surrounding country, and is a physician and surgeon of marked ability, keenly interested in the profession and putting forth every effort that will promote his efficiency. He is most careful in the diagnosis of his cases and seldom if ever at fault in foretelling the outcome of disease. He is also surgeon for the Oregon Short Line Railroad from Granger, Wyoming, to Montpelier, Idaho.

On the 16th of August, 1916, Dr. Kindall was married in Berkeley, California, to Miss Katherine P. Hall, a native of New England and a daughter of Charles R. and Mary Hall. Politically Dr. Kindall maintains an independent course. Fraternally he is a Mason, having taken the degrees of the blue lodge at Kemmerer. He also belongs to the chapter and to the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Kemmerer Commercial Club and to St. Mark's Episcopal church. Along strictly professional lines he is connected with the American Medical Association. Dr. Kindall's large practice is due in measure to his individual effort, his laudable ambition and his persistency of purpose. He is now concentrating his efforts and attention upon the Lincoln County Miners Hospital, which was established in April, 1913. After a time Dr. William A. Whitlock took charge and remained as chief surgeon and superintendent until he was succeeded by Dr. Kindall. The buildings of the hospital and the Nurses' Home were erected at a cost of thirty-three thousand dollars, the site being donated by P. J. Quealy. The grounds include ten acres beautifully situated on the outskirts of the city on a natural building site. The board of directors numbers twenty-one people, including ten miners, ten representative citizens not interested in mining and the chief surgeon and superintendent. The Lincoln County Hospital was built by contributions of the miners and citizens of Kemmerer and is maintained by the miners. The buildings, the equipment and the services of physicians and nurses, all speak the last word in modern scientific achievement in the field of medicine and surgery and Dr. Kindall as superintendent maintains the highest possible service, his efforts being thoroughly satisfactory to the board of directors. He is a most progressive man and his pronounced ability has brought him to the responsible position which he now occupies.

IVAN S. JONES.

Ivan S. Jones, whose large practice is the best evidence of his high professional attainments, has been actively identified with the bar of Lincoln county since 1906. He has spent the greater part of his life in this state, although he is a native of Emerald, Ohio.

He was born February 7, 1879, a son of James W. and Frances A. (Huyck) Jones, both of whom are natives of Williams county, Ohio. They removed to Wyoming in 1884 and settled at Green River. The father had previously come to this state in 1871 and was engaged in railroad work for the Union Pacific and the Oregon Short Line Railway Companies for about a year. In 1872 he returned to Ohio and there engaged in railway work, while later he was employed in a similar way in Iowa and in Indiana. As stated, he again came to Wyoming in 1884, at which time he took up his abode at Green River and engaged in ranching and stock raising. At length he disposed of his interests in this state and is now living retired in Santa Cruz, California, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in a well earned rest. He was born in the year 1847, so that he has now passed the seventy-first milestone on life's journey. His wife was born, reared, educated and married in Ohio and is with her husband in Santa Cruz. She has reached the age of sixty-nine years. In their family

were six children, two of whom have passed away, while those living are Merrill W., Glenn R., Earl M. and Ivan S. One son, Paul, died in Green River, Wyoming, while the other son, Harry, passed away in Ohio.

Ivan S. Jones was the third in order of birth in his father's family and in his youthful days pursued his education in the schools of Green River, having been a little lad of but five years when the family home was there established. After his school days were over he took up railroad work in the employ of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line Railroads and spent four and one-half years in that way. He then turned his attention to stock raising and ranching and while thus engaged devoted his leisure hours to reading law, for a laudable ambition prompted him to prepare for a professional career. After thorough preliminary reading he was admitted to the bar in 1906 and has since successfully followed his profession in Kemmerer, where he at once opened a law office. In the intervening period of about twelve years he has made steady and satisfactory progress and from the beginning of his practice he has been unusually prosperous in every respect. The success which he has attained is due to his own efforts and merit. The possession of advantages is no guarantee whatever of professional success. This comes not of itself nor can it be secured without integrity, ability and industry. Those qualities he possesses to an eminent degree and he is faithful to every interest committed to his charge. Throughout his whole life, whatsoever his hand finds to do, whether in his profession or in any other sphere, he does with his might and with a deep sense of conscientious obligation. He was the first county prosecuting attorney of Lincoln county.

On the 16th of October, 1907, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Bugher, of Kemmerer, a daughter of Dr. John C. Bugher, of Big Piney, Wyoming. They have become parents of four children: Alice, who was born in Kemmerer in 1908; Ruby Kathryn, born in 1911; Eunice, in 1913; and Virginia, on the 7th of September, 1917.

In addition to his practice Mr. Jones has become extensively interested in oil lands in Lincoln county and his judicious investments will no doubt put him far beyond the pale of want. He, moreover, stands as one of the most successful practitioners of Lincoln county and is widely known and highly respected.

JOHN K. BURNHAM.

John K. Burnham, filling the position of county treasurer of Bighorn county and making his home in Basin, is a native of the neighboring state of Utah, his birth having there occurred March 3, 1878. His parents were Charles C. and Hannah (Vawdry) Burnham, the latter a native of England, while the former was born in Illinois. In 1850 the father came to the west, settling in Utah after crossing the plains with ox teams. The mother walked from the Missouri river to Salt Lake City in the early '60s, and they became pioneer settlers of that locality, where they were married. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Burnham were born seven children, six of whom are now living. The mother passed away in April, 1917, but the father still survives and now makes his home in Lovell, Wyoming.

John K. Burnham was reared and educated in Utah, where he attended the common schools and also the State University. In 1898 he removed to Arizona, where he resided for three years, and in 1901 he came to Wyoming, taking up his abode in Bighorn county. He spent three years in the United States navy department, after which he returned to Wyoming, and he is now actively identified with official interests in Bighorn county and also with agricultural interests.

His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and in 1914 he was elected

upon its ticket to the office of county treasurer, in which he made so creditable a record that he is now serving for the second term. He has also been town treasurer of Lovell, Wyoming, and he is the owner of one hundred acres of valuable irrigated land near that place. He is leading a busy and useful life and his activities have made him one of the valued and representative residents of his section of the state. Aside from acting as county treasurer he is also doing work as an auditor at various points in Wyoming.

HON. COMMODORE PERRY MEEK.

Hon. Commodore Perry Meek, a retired rancher and stock man, born in Maysville, Missouri, on the 12th of May, 1851, is a son of Richard and India Ann Meek, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father followed farming throughout his entire life and passed away in Missouri in 1864. The son was reared to young manhood in his native state and acquired a common school education such as was afforded by the country schools of that day. He assisted in the work of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty years and in 1871 he made his way westward, landing at Cheyenne, Wyoming, which was then a territory. He began work at driving a bull team and was engaged in freighting between Cheyenne, Red Cloud, Fort Robinson, Fort Fetterman and old Fort Laramie. In 1876, when gold was discovered in the Black Hills, he made his way to Custer, at that time the only town in the Black Hills district. He remained there for a short period but afterward returned to Cheyenne, where he loaded up his freight team and then freighted to Custer, where he unloaded his stock for his employers. Once more he made the trip to Cheyenne and in fact made several trips between that place and the Black Hills. On some of his trips he encountered Indians and had a number of "scraps" with them between Hat Creek and Custer. He reached the latter place in May, 1876, with fourteen freight teams—all bull teams. Gold had just been discovered at Deadwood, South Dakota, and the people were leaving Custer for that place. There was no road from Deadwood to Custer except what had been made by single wagons and pack outfits and many interesting experiences occurred at that time which Mr. Meek relates in a most entertaining manner. On one occasion a large freighting outfit had just arrived in Custer and Mr. Meek was with it. While most of the outfit layed off for two or three days to rest up, he decided to go on, having had some experience in the mountains. He pulled out with his teams four or five miles ahead of the others and got in five days ahead of them. He had many hard hills to climb and the roads, such as they were, were very bad, especially through the mountains. The first road ever built into Deadwood was a toll road known as Boulder Hill and Mr. Meek had to pay seventeen dollars toll tax for his six-yoke bull teams, going in and out. Deadwood at that time—May, 1876,—was a wilderness. There was nothing there but a few log cabins and all heavy timber where the streets of Deadwood are today. He had to drag logs out of the way in order to get to some of the cabins to unload some freight. He was the driver of the first bull team that was driven up the streets of Deadwood. Later in the summer of 1876 he returned to Cheyenne, loaded up his team and drove to Fort Fetterman on the North Platte river, freighting from Medicine Bow on the Union Pacific Railroad the rest of the summer. In the fall of 1876 he made one trip to Fort Reno, on Powder river, and in the winter of 1876 he returned to the Black Hills, where he prospected until the spring of 1877. At that time he went on a prospecting expedition into the Big Horn mountains, where he spent the summer and then went west to Camp Brown, a distance of about four hundred miles. He returned to the Black Hills, as the Homestake mine had just been discovered by two Frenchmen. This they later sold to Senator Hearst of California for eighty thousand dollars. Mr. Meek went to work in what was called a segregated mine, known as Old Abe and owned by Scotch-



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men, Messrs. Terry and Broadie. He hauled the first ore that was brought out of the Homestake mine. It was brought up in a wooden bucket hauled up by a windlass by two men, dumped out and hauled by wagon to Terry, a distance of two miles, to a ten stamp mill. After his experiences there Mr. Meek devoted his time to ranching and stock raising and owns now more than sixteen hundred acres of deeded land and over a thousand head of cattle. His ranch is located at Lodge Pole, in Weston county. In 1908 he removed to Upton, where he has since lived retired, spending his winter months, however, away.

In 1909 Mr. Meek was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Emma Brown, a native of Illinois. They have traveled extensively, gaining that liberal knowledge and experience which only travel can bring. Mr. Meek is a member of Sundance Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., and his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. His active interest in promoting its success and securing the adoption of its principles. He served as a member of the state legislature for two terms, covering 1913 to 1915. He and his wife are members of the First Church of Christ Scientist at Boston, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Meek is a practitioner. The life story of Mr. Meek, if written in detail, would furnish many a thrilling incident. His experiences in the Black Hills are most interesting, his reminiscences presenting a clear picture of conditions that existed at the time when there were no roads into the district and when the traveler had to follow the old rails. Mr. Meek bore his part in the early mining development of the region and his efforts have been a contributing factor to the progress of the mining industry in the northwest and also a factor in the agricultural development of Crook county. He is honored by all who know him and most of all where he is best known, showing that his life record has ever been a straightforward one.

ROSCOE H. ALCORN.

Roscoe H. Alcorn, owner and editor of the Rawlins Republican and widely known as a leading representative of journalistic interests in Wyoming, was born January 10, 1888, in Jewell, Kansas, a son of the late William J. Alcorn, who was a native of Kentucky and a representative of one of the old families of that state, of Scotch-Irish descent. The father followed mercantile pursuits and at the time of his death, which occurred December 24, 1912, was manager of the Cullen Commercial Company at Rawlins. He took up his abode in this city in 1901 and during the eleven years of his residence here won very favorable criticism for the policy which he pursued in business affairs and for his upright life in other connections. It was therefore a matter of deep regret when he passed away at the comparatively early age of forty-seven years. He married Pearl Ransford, a native of Kansas and a daughter of Benjamin Ransford, who was one of the pioneer farmers and successful business men of the Sunflower state. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in defense of the Union, serving with Company F of the Fourteenth Iowa Infantry throughout the entire period of hostilities. He participated in the battles of Shiloh and Fort Donelson and being taken prisoner, was sent to Libby prison, from which he later made his escape. At the battle of Shiloh he was slightly wounded. It was after the close of the war that he took up a homestead in Jewell county, Kansas, where he resided until 1894. He then removed to Pomona, California, where he still makes his home, and is now retired from active business, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life. He remained on his Kansas farm for twenty-three years and was thus closely connected with the agricultural development of that state. He holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with the Boys in Blue, with whom he marched over the battlefields of the south. Mrs. Alcorn is residing in Rawlins and by her marriage became the mother of six children.

Roscoe H. Alcorn, the first in order of birth, attended the public and high schools of Rawlins, and also became a student at Wesleyan University, of Salina, Kansas, where he continued until his senior year in 1910. Prior to entering college, however, he served a four years' apprenticeship to the printing trade in Rawlins and after leaving college became editor of the Rawlins Republican, in which position he has since continuously remained. He has been owner and editor of the paper since 1911. The Republican was established in 1888 and one of its first editors was George Perry, now a well known banker of Sheridan, Wyoming. During the intervening years the ownership has changed on various occasions but during no period of its career has the Republican enjoyed a more substantial standing or made more gratifying progress than under the present management with Mr. Alcorn as owner and editor. He has given to journalistic questions close and careful study, seeking to make his paper both the mold and mirror of public opinion. The Republican is ever found as the champion of well devised plans and measures for the general good and has taken the initial step in advancing many ideas which have proven of great benefit in connection with the upbuilding and progress of the city. When Mr. Alcorn took charge the paper had a paid circulation of about six hundred copies and this number has been increased to fifteen hundred and fifty copies per week. It is accorded a good advertising patronage and a considerable job printing business is done in the office, so that the enterprise is proving one of substantial profit. As the name indicates, the paper upholds republican policies in politics, being a staunch champion of the principles of the party. The business was incorporated in 1901 and through the intervening years the paper has continued to progress along lines that have led to substantial results.

Mr. Alcorn is a member of the Wyoming Press Association and also of the International Typographical Union. He has always voted with the republican party and has made a close and discriminating study of the questions and issues of the day. His opinions concerning politics and other vital questions are trenchantly expressed, his reasoning is clear and his logic convincing. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Masons. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church.

It is largely through individual effort that Mr. Alcorn has reached his present position in journalistic and business circles. It is true that he had liberal educational opportunities, pursuing a college course in journalism, but all those who have trained in such do not attain success. There is often times a lack of adaptability which is a source of partial failure. Mr. Alcorn, however, has readily and wisely used the powers which he developed and is today one of the leading newspaper men of western Wyoming, while in matters of citizenship he ranks high as the champion of all those interests which are working for the general good and which look beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities and opportunities of the future.

LYMAN H. BROOKS.

Prominent among the enterprising, progressive and successful business men of Sheridan is Lyman H. Brooks, the president and general manager of the Sheridan Company and also the president of the L. H. Brooks Realty Company.

He was born May 5, 1856, in Sherbrooke, in the province of Quebec, Canada, a son of Samuel T. and Lucy (Mills) Brooks. His education was acquired in St. Johnsbury Academy at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, for in 1862, when but six years of age, he was taken by his parents to northern Vermont, where the period of his school life was passed. After his education was completed he was employed at St. Johnsbury by the Fairbanks Scale Manufacturing Company, with which he was connected from 1870 until 1880. He became a resident of the



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west in 1880 and took up his abode in what is now Sheridan county, Wyoming, where he engaged in ranching and in the live stock business for twenty-nine years or until 1909. In the meantime he also became identified with other business interests in Sheridan, becoming a member of the hardware firm of Brooks & Diefenderfer, his active connection with the business continuing from 1892 until 1903. He has also been general manager of the Sheridan Lumber Company since 1903 and in 1909 he organized and became president of the L. H. Brooks Realty Company and has since been in active control of its interests. He is a progressive, farsighted and sagacious business man, recognizing and utilizing opportunities and so directing his efforts that success in substantial measure has come to him. He is a director and was one of the organizers of the Bank of Commerce of Sheridan, which was established in 1892, and he is a director of the Sheridan Street Railway Company, and is president of the Grandview Addition Company of Sheridan. His business connections are thus extensive and prominent and have contributed in substantial measure to the upbuilding and development of the city as well as to the advancement of his individual fortunes.

Since 1912 Mr. Brooks has served as a trustee of the Wyoming State University. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he represented his district in the general assembly from 1895 until 1897. He had become a naturalized American citizen in 1877 and throughout all the intervening years he has stood loyally for what he believes to be best for the interests of county, commonwealth and country.

J. P. FOLGER.

J. P. Folger, receiver at the United States land office in Evanston, was born in Pickens county, South Carolina, August 4, 1870, a son of Alonzo M. and Elizabeth (Burdine) Folger, who were also natives of South Carolina and represented one of the old families of the south, located there since a very early period in the colonization of the new world. Peter Folger landed in Nantucket, Massachusetts, in 1635 and was the first of the family in the United States. Both Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Folger are still residents of South Carolina. The father has engaged in business not only as a planter and farmer but has also prepared for medical practice and is a well known physician and surgeon of his locality. He yet occupies the old homestead in Pickens county and is now eighty-two years of age. At the time of the Civil war he was a member of the Medical Corps. His wife was born in 1842 and has therefore passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey.

J. P. Folger was the third son in their family of seven children. In his boyhood days he attended the public schools of Pickens county to the age of fifteen years and then began studying telegraphy, becoming an operator for the Southern Railway Company in South Carolina. In 1888 he went to Arizona for the Santa Fe Railroad Company, where he acted as telegraph operator and station agent at various points. In 1892 he arrived in Wyoming, settling at Green River, where he occupied the position of chief train dispatcher for the Union Pacific Railway Company. Later he removed to Kemmerer, where he also served as train dispatcher and as assistant superintendent, remaining at that place from 1902 until 1914, when he came to Evanston to accept the position of receiver at the United States land office and has since acted in that capacity. One of his strong characteristics is his fidelity to any trust reposed in him and he is therefore making an excellent record in this position, as he also did while representing the railroad companies in telegraph service. Mr. Folger has also occupied other official positions and twice was made mayor of Kemmerer, having been elected in 1906 and again in 1912, so that he occupied that position for two terms of two years each. He was also a member of the city council of Kemmerer for several terms and was county clerk of Lincoln county, making an excellent record in all of

these different positions by the promptness, faithfulness and capability which he displayed in the discharge of his duties.

On the 8th of April, 1896, Mr. Folger was united in marriage to Miss Marie Mockler, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mockler, representatives of a pioneer family. Mr. and Mrs. Folger have become parents of five children: Anna, who was born in Green River in 1898 and is a graduate of the Evanston high school; Alfred, who was born in Green River in 1900 and attended the high school, while at the present time he is a clerk in the First National Bank of Evanston; Patricia, who was born in Green River in 1902 and is now a high school pupil; Gerald, who was born in Green River in 1904 and is attending the high school; and J. P., who was born in Kemmerer in 1911 and is pursuing his studies in the public schools of Evanston.

Mr. Folger is well known as a representative of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to lodge, chapter and commandery. He is one of the best known and most popular citizens of Evanston and this section of the state, standing high in public regard by reason of his record in connection with railway service and by reason of his record in public office.

HARRY G. PARKER.

Harry G. Parker, senior partner in the firm of Parker & Stafford, dealers in hay, feed and grain at Rock Springs, was born at Coalburg, Ohio, July 21, 1886, a son of Henry Stephen and Lucy Jane (Williams) Parker, both of whom were natives of Liverpool, England. Coming to America in early life, they settled in Coalburg, Ohio, and the father there engaged in coal mining until September, 1888, when he sought the business opportunities offered in the great and growing west. He made his way to Rock Springs, Wyoming, and took up mining, but at the present time he is superintendent of the State Hospital. His wife also survives and the family circle is yet unbroken by the hand of death, for the four children are yet living, namely, Mrs. Ada Ramsey, Mrs. William Kellogg, Harry G. and Blanche, all at Rock Springs.

Harry G. Parker was but two years of age when he removed from Ohio to Wyoming and at the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools of Rock Springs, and later continued his education in the Utah Agricultural College at Logan, where he devoted two years to a commercial course. He was afterward employed by the American and Pacific Express Companies at Rock Springs, continuing in that connection for three years, at the end of which time he became an employe of the J. P. McDermott Company. After two years spent in that way he resigned and embarked in business on his own account in partnership with A. Stafford under the firm style of Parker & Stafford, dealers in hay, feed and grain. The business was established May 21, 1914, in a small way but has grown steadily and has now developed to large proportions through the able management of Mr. Parker and his associate in the enterprise. He is a man of sound business judgment, of unfaltering industry and of keen sagacity, and his efforts have resulted in building up a gratifying business, his trade equalling if not exceeding that of all dealers in his line in this part of the state.

On the 10th of September, 1910, at Rock Springs, Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Travis, of Rock Springs, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Travis. Her father was killed in the Hanna explosion about seven years ago. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker: Henry Stephen, who was born in Rock Springs, September 14, 1912; and Peter, born November 15, 1914.

Mr. Parker votes with the republican party and in 1913 was a candidate for the office of county clerk of Sweetwater county but failed of election by a very narrow margin. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and loyally adheres to the teachings and purposes of the craft. He ranks with the representative young business

men of his adopted city, a city, however, in which almost his entire life has been passed. He has therefore witnessed much of the growth and development of Rock Springs and rejoices in what has been accomplished as the work of progress and improvement has been carried forward. Since attaining man's estate he has supported all measures and movements for the general good and his worth both as a man and citizen is widely acknowledged.

ALBERT E. STIRRETT.

Among the recent additions to the Wyoming bar is Albert E. Stirrett of Casper, who brought to the performance of his professional duties here wide experience, gained as an attorney in South Dakota and this experience was based upon thorough training in the law department of the University of Colorado. He is thus well equipped for onerous and responsible professional duties and it is a recognized fact that he is most loyal to the interests of his clients.

He was born in Uttoxeter, Ontario, Canada, October 4, 1885, a son of Robert and Olivia Stirrett. In the acquirement of his education he entered the University of Colorado as a law student, having determined upon the practice of law as a life work, and on completing the regular course the LL. B. degree was conferred upon him in 1910. He has since engaged in the practice of law and from 1913 to 1916 was state's attorney of Lawrence county, South Dakota, making an excellent record during his four years' incumbency in that position.

On the 24th of May, 1913, in Deadwood, South Dakota, Mr. Stirrett was united in marriage to Miss Edith A. McPherson, a daughter of D. A. McPherson, and they have become parents of two children, Donald Elmer and Robert McPherson.

In religious faith Mr. Stirrett is an Episcopalian, while fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, supporting his position by intelligent argument. His time and attention, however, are concentrated upon his professional duties. He ranks high in the discussion of legal matters before the court and his application of legal principles demonstrates the wide range of his professional acquirements. The utmost care and precision characterize his preparation of a case and have made him one of the successful lawyers of the west.

HARRY P. HYNDS.

Harry P. Hynds is proprietor of the Plains Hotel, one of the leading hosteleries not only of Cheyenne but of Wyoming. In the conduct of this business he follows the most progressive methods of hotel management and his enterprise has made his establishment most popular with the traveling public. Success has attended his efforts, as is illustrated by the fact that he has recently erected one of the finest fireproof buildings of the city.

Illinois claims Mr. Hynds as one of her native sons, his birth having occurred in Morris, that state, on the 22d of December, 1860, his parents being Martin and Jane (O'Hale) Hynds. At the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools of Morris and afterward attended the Normal Night School of that city. In early life he began learning the blacksmithing trade, which he followed at Morris and also in Chicago. At length he determined to try his fortune in the west, for it seemed to him that better business opportunities might be secured in a section of the country where competition was not so great but where there was every prospect of growth and advancement. In the fall of 1882, therefore, he made his way to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he engaged in blacksmithing on his



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own account. At his shop the horses that drew the stage to the Black Hills of South Dakota were shod. He conducted business under a partnership relation, the firm name of Elliott & Hynds being assumed. This connection was continued until 1886 and Mr. Hynds then turned his attention to various other business interests, being so engaged from 1886 until 1910. He became actively interested in mining and has been connected with the development of the mineral resources of the state for many years. He has ever watched his opportunities for judicious investment and has at all times improved his chances in that connection. Lately he has become extensively interested in the development of the oil fields and his investments have brought to him a notable measure of success. In 1910 he organized hotel interests under the name of the Plains Hotel Company but of the business he is sole owner. He leases the building which he occupies, but the furnishings are his and he is conducting one of the best hotels in Cheyenne. He also built the Capital Grill and he is now erecting a five-story steel and concrete fireproof structure for store and office purposes at the corner of West Lincoln highway and Capital avenue, its advantageous location insuring him a ready rental of the property.

On the 11th of April, 1901, Mr. Hynds was married to Miss Nell McGuire. Mr. Hynds greatly enjoys hunting and fishing. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. He is an honorary life member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has membership in the Industrial Club of Cheyenne and is interested in all of its plans and purposes for the advancement of the city's interests. His political allegiance is given to the republican party. With many questions of public importance he is thoroughly familiar and he has been actively identified with the good roads movement, having served as president of the Laramie County Good Roads Association in 1913 and 1914. He has held numerous appointments whereby he has represented Wyoming in national conventions and he is ever alert to the opportunities for upbuilding the state, for extending its trade relations, for advancing its natural resources and for upholding those interests and activities which have made Wyoming a great commonwealth, equal in its opportunities and advantages to the older states of the Union.

DANIEL C. BUNTIN.

Daniel C. Buntin occupies a prominent position on the stage of business activity in Laramie, where he is well known as president of the Laramie Water Company. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1875 and was educated in private schools and in a university of the south, while for a time he was also a student in Vanderbilt University, from which he was graduated in 1899 with the LL. B. degree. Liberal educational advantages thus qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. He has been a resident of Laramie since 1908 and through the intervening period has been closely identified with development projects and with the work of upbuilding, throughout this section of the state. Realizing the opportunities of the country and the possibilities for men of enterprise, he has become a factor in work that has contributed much to the material development of the state. He was the builder of the James Lake irrigation system, which was executed at a cost of a half million dollars. He colonized that district and sold land to the value of about one and a half million dollars. Again the call of opportunity was to him the call to action and he became the promoter of the Laramie Water Company, concentrating his efforts upon the building of its plant, which work was carried through at a cost of two million dollars. He also has twenty thousand acres of land on which he is extensively engaged in the raising of sheep, cattle and other live stock. He became the vice president of the Tallmadge-Buntin Land Company, which was organized for the purpose of conducting a general land and immigration business—to deal in large and small tracts of alfalfa, wheat, corn, cotton, timber, sugar beets, fruit and general farm and ranch land. In other words, to

conduct a general wholesale and retail land and immigration business in the south and in the west. This company opened its offices in the Railway Exchange building of Chicago and from that point conducted its interests. To his work in this connection Mr. Buntin brought broad experience. He was the vice president of the First Savings Bank & Trust Company of Nashville, Tennessee, and general manager of the Realty Company, also of Nashville. The latter is a stock company that owned and promoted West Nashville, which has grown to be a city of large proportions, in which are located twenty-nine mills and factories, employing five thousand men. He promoted many other projects in Nashville and in the south, including the building of the great Arcade store and office building, which was erected at a cost of a half million dollars. Mr. Buntin personally owns and controls a large interest in that building and is a stockholder in many of the banks in Nashville and other business projects there. He became the associate of E. R. Tallmadge and others in promoting the railroad from Canyon City, Texas, to Plainview, Texas, and now controls all town-sites along that line. He has extensive holdings and large interests in the southwest and is considered one of the successful young financiers of the country. Turning his attention to Laramie, he recognized its possibilities and his efforts in this connection have been equally effective and valuably resultant.

On the 12th of June, 1901, Mr. Buntin was united in marriage in Nashville, Tennessee, to Miss Elsie Caldwell, a native of that city and a daughter of James E. and Mary W. Caldwell. Her father is the president of the Fourth-First National Bank of Nashville. Mr. and Mrs. Buntin have two children: Thomas Craighead, who was born in Nashville, March 15, 1902; and May Winston Caldwell, who was born in Nashville in 1914. The parents hold membership in the First Presbyterian church of Nashville.

Mr. Buntin is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Laramie and he is identified with various social organizations and clubs throughout the country. He belongs to the Chicago Athletic Club; to the Hermitage, of Nashville, of which he was formerly president; to the Nashville Golf & Country Club and to the Noelton Golf & Country Club of Nashville, of which he was formerly vice president. Well descended and well bred, he is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet, for he has the happy faculty of placing anyone at ease who enters into conversation with him. He is a man of splendid judgment, quick action, remarkable executive ability, and in all things is actuated by a spirit of determination that knows no such word as fail, for he recognizes the fact that when one avenue of opportunity seems closed he can carve out other paths that will reach the desired goal. His efforts, important and extensive in proportions, have constituted a most effective force in promoting development and progress in various sections of the country, for he has in marked degree all of those qualities which characterize the far-sighted financier and the clear-headed executive.

OLE MOSSBERG.

Ole Mossberg, who is filling the office of sheriff of Sheridan county was born in Sweden on the 12th of August, 1867, and is a son of Olaf and Carolina (Johnson) Mossberg, who were natives of the same country. The father is now deceased but the mother is living and yet makes her home in Sweden. They had a family of ten children, seven of whom are still living.

Ole Mossberg, whose name introduces this review, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Sweden and is indebted to its educational system for the advantages which he received in that connection. He came to America in 1889, when a young man of twenty-two years, believing that he might have better opportunities to win a fortune on this side of the Atlantic. He first settled in Iowa but resided in that state for only a brief period and in the fall of 1890 removed to Omaha, Nebraska, where he resided until 1893. In the latter year



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he came to Sheridan, where he engaged in the stock business in the employ of T. L. Kimball. He then began farming on his own account and followed agricultural pursuits for a year but later entered the employ of William Cody as a horse breaker. In the spring of 1896 he helped to establish a colony of twenty-five German families near Cody. He continued in active connection with Mr. Cody until 1897 and in the following year he entered the service of Senator Kendrick, with whom he continued for two years. He then worked in the cattle business for the Hardin & Harskin Cattle Company, for some time and in 1901 accepted a position on the police force of Sheridan, serving in the capacity of patrolman for three years. He next entered the employ of the United States government as a forest ranger and after working in that capacity for a year was appointed deputy sheriff of Sheridan county in 1905 and so continued for six years. He then again went upon the police force and was employed in that way for two years. In 1915 he was elected to the office of sheriff and made so creditable a record in the position that he was reelected and is now serving for the second term.

In 1903 Mr. Mossberg was united in marriage to Miss Helga Johnson, a native of Sweden, and to them was born a daughter, Margaret, who passed away at the age of three years. Mr. and Mrs. Mossberg are devoted members of the Lutheran church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He stands fearlessly at all times for what he believes to be right and he discharges his public duties without fear or favor. He is loyal to the trust reposed in him and has made a creditable record as a public official.

CLYDE V. RAU.

Clyde V. Rau, manager, secretary and treasurer of the Cokeville Mercantile Company at Cokeville, Lincoln county, was born in Fairfield, Nebraska, December 27, 1890, and is one of the enterprising young men who have recognized the opportunities of the west and have become identified with one of the growing cities of Wyoming, his labors contributing in substantial measure to its progress and improvement.

He is a son of Charles F. Rau, a native of Illinois and of German descent. The great-grandfather of Clyde V. Rau was the founder of the family in America, coming to the new world in the early part of the nineteenth century. The family home was established in Illinois during the pioneer epoch in the development of that state and Charles F. Rau was reared and educated in Illinois, establishing his home at a later period, however, in Fairfield, Nebraska, in the latter part of the '80s. He there successfully engaged in farming and in the live stock business but is now living retired. He married Fairie Hoskins, a native of Iowa and a representative of one of the old families of Illinois of French and English lineage. Mrs. Rau passed away in 1906 at the age of thirty-nine years. In the family were three children, one of whom has passed away, the survivors being Clyde V. and Lucille.

In the public schools of Fairfield, Clyde V. Rau began his education and afterward continued his studies in the high school of Lincoln, Nebraska, from which he was graduated with the class of 1911. On leaving that state he removed to Kemmerer, Wyoming, where he took up his abode in 1912. There he was employed in the store of the Blyth-Fargo-Hoskins Mercantile Company, Mr. Hoskins of that firm being an uncle of Mr. Rau. He continued there for three years, learning the mercantile business in all of its different phases, and he afterward spent eighteen months at Fossil as representative for the same firm. He acted as manager of the store at that place until January, 1917, when he came to Cokeville, having become a stockholder in the Cokeville Mercantile Company, of which he is now the manager, secretary and treasurer. This business was established in 1903 and the company has by far the largest commercial

enterprise of this character in their section of Lincoln county. They employ five sales people in the conduct of the business, which has reached large and substantial proportions. They carry an extensive line of general merchandise and the business is being carefully directed by Mr. Rau, whose previous experience well qualifies him to manage the interests under his control.

On the 19th of May, 1915, in Kemmerer, Mr. Rau was married to Miss Mabel Goddard, a native of Uinta county, Wyoming, and a daughter of Harry Goddard, who was of English birth. Mr. and Mrs. Rau have a daughter, Fairie Marie, born in Kemmerer, June 19, 1916.

In his political views Mr. Rau is a republican, while fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Kemmerer. He exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft, which is based on a recognition of the brotherhood of man and the obligations thereby imposed. In business his success is due to his own efforts. He has always worked diligently since making his initial step in the business world and his close application and energy have brought to him growing success. Moreover, he is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the business circles of Lincoln county, for he is a most progressive and enterprising young man, watchful of all opportunities pointing to success and of all indications leading to the future development and upbuilding of this section of the state.

WALLACE C. BOND.

Wallace C. Bond, who has rendered important consular service to his country and who is now actively identified with the business interests of Cheyenne, where he is handling insurance and real estate, bonds and live stock, is possessed of that strong quality of perseverance that stops not before reaching the successful attainment of his purpose. His plans are always well defined and carefully executed and he is regarded as a most valuable addition to the business interests of Cheyenne. A native of Louisville, Kentucky, he was born on the 29th of January, 1875, and is a son of George H. and Jane (Redman) Bond. The father was engaged in the wholesale nursery business and now resides at Sydney, Australia. The mother, however, has passed away.

Wallace C. Bond, the eldest of a family of six children, is indebted to the public and high schools of New Brunswick, New Jersey for his educational privileges to some extent, although on account of delicate health he could not attend school as other children did and much of the time had a private tutor. In young manhood he accepted a clerical position with the Ninth National Bank of New York and in 1896 he removed westward to Cheyenne. Here he turned his attention to ranching and to newspaper work, in which he was engaged for three years, or until the 1st of January, 1899, when he became private secretary to Governor De Forest Richards, and at the death of the governor acted for a short time as private secretary to Acting Governor Chatterton. In 1904 he became owner and editor of the Cheyenne State Leader, succeeding his father-in-law, E. A. Slack, in the management of the paper. In 1907 he was appointed consul to Aden, Arabia, and in 1908 was transferred to the consulship at Karachi, India. In 1909 further promotion came to him in his appointment as consul general at Copenhagen, Denmark, where he remained until 1911, when he resigned his position and returned to Cheyenne. He then established an insurance, real estate and bond business, in which he has prospered, having an extensive clientage. He also handles live stock on an extensive scale and his business interests have been so carefully and intelligently directed that success in large measure has rewarded his efforts.

On the 19th of October, 1899, Mr. Bond was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Louise Slack, a niece of John M. Palmer, at one time United States senator and governor of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Bond hold membership in the Episcopal church and fraternally he is a Mason. He has taken the Knights Templar degree of the

York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is a past commander of Wyoming Commandery, a past master of Kadosh Consistory of Wyoming and a past master of Acacia Lodge, No. 1, F. & A. M. He belongs to the Industrial Club and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party.

Mr. Bond is modest and unassuming in manner, but the public recognizes his worth as a business man and attests his valuable service in consular positions. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, entertain for him warm regard and Cheyenne has reason to be proud that he has cast in his lot here, for his determined purpose, his ready adaptability and his business enterprise are contributing much to the material progress of the city, while at all times he stands for those interests which feature in the public welfare and which support affairs of civic virtue and of civic pride.

ARTHUR ERNEST LANE, M. D.

Dr. Arthur Ernest Lane, a physician and surgeon of Laramie, whose success in practice came as the result of his comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the scientific principles of medicine and surgery, combined with his human interest in the welfare of his fellowmen, was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, February 6, 1872.

His father, William W. Lane, a resident of Cheyenne at the present time, is a native of Illinois and belongs to one of the old pioneer families of that state. Later the parents became identified with the pioneer development of Wyoming, where William W. Lane took up his abode in 1867. During the period of his active business life he was a carpenter and builder, but is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits. He is a Civil war veteran, having served, at the front as a member of the First Iowa Cavalry as a noncommissioned officer. For three years he was engaged in active duty in defense of the stars and stripes and he now proudly wears the little bronze button that proclaims him a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which has always been the party of reform and progress and which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He has never sought or desired public office as a reward for party fealty, yet he has ever been most loyal in all matters of citizenship. He married Miss Ellen Flaherty, a native of Ireland, who came to America with her parents when a little maiden of thirteen years, the family home being established in Jersey City, New Jersey, while subsequently a removal was made to Omaha, Nebraska. It was there that Mr. and Mrs. Lane became acquainted and were married, and Mrs. Lane passed away in Cheyenne, May 14, 1917, when seventy-six years of age. In the family were but two children, Arthur Ernest and Charles E., the latter still a resident of Cheyenne.

Dr. Lane, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the public and high schools of Cheyenne and after graduating from the high school entered the government mail service, in which he was employed for fourteen years. He desired, however, to become connected with professional activity and took up the study of medicine, entering the University of Nebraska, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree as a member of the class of 1905. Following the completion of his course there, he spent one year in the Jennie Edmondson Hospital at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and thus put his theoretical knowledge to the practical test and gained that broad and valuable experience which only hospital practice can bring. He located for the private practice of his profession in Percival, Iowa, where he remained for eighteen months, and then removed to Tingley, Iowa, where he also spent a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he came to Laramie, where he has since remained in active and successful practice. He holds to the highest standards in his profession and annually takes post graduate work in Omaha and in Chicago, thus keeping in touch with the most advanced thought and methods of the profession. He is active in the



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general practice of medicine and surgery and his labors have been attended with most excellent results. He belongs to the Albany County Medical Society and also to the Wyoming State Medical Society.

On the 24th of June, 1905, Dr. Lane was married at Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Miss Marie Mills, a native of England and a daughter of Joseph and Fannie (Northcott) Mills, who were also of English birth. Her father is now deceased. By a previous marriage Dr. Lane has one daughter, Villette M., who resides in Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Dr. Lane has manifested the same spirit of loyalty and fidelity that characterized his father in the Civil war by his enlistment for service in the Spanish-American war in 1898. He became a member of the Fifty-first Iowa Infantry, with which he went to the Philippines, doing active duty as a private. Since 1911 he has been serving with the rank of captain in the Officers' Medical Reserve Corps. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he filled the position of city and county health officer for four years, from 1913 until 1916 inclusive. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks, the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and Modern Woodmen of America. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is in hearty sympathy with all of its well defined plans and measures for the upbuilding of the city, the extension of its business connections and the upholding of its civic standards. Actuated by laudable ambition and characterized by determined purpose, Dr. Lane has steadily worked his way upward and occupies an enviable position in the regard of his fellow townsmen, while in professional circles he has the esteem and respect of colleagues and contemporaries.

E. PAUL BACHELLER.

Wyoming is distinguished for the high rank of her bench and bar and the opportunities of a growing state are continually attracting to her young men of ability and enterprise, recognizing that the professional field is not yet overcrowded and that there will come a chance to prove their ability. Such a one is E. Paul Bacheller, who with liberal educational training as a foundation for his professional career, has entered upon law practice at Casper and has already made for himself a creditable position as a representative of the bar of that city.

He was born in Potsdam, New York, July 21, 1892, a son of Charles O. and Amanda M. Bacheller, the former an own cousin of Irving Bacheller, the American author, historian, poet and novelist, whose works are so widely read. Charles O. Bacheller is now a Montana rancher and lives in Los Angeles, California. His wife bore the maiden name of Amanda Jacobs and her parents resided near Quebec, Canada. The Bacheller family was founded in America by representatives of the name who were religious dissenters and came from England in the early part of the seventeenth century. The name is one of the oldest in England and can be traced back to a very early period. The coat of arms of the Bacheller family is a matter of record in the hall of records in England. In the direct line of descent appear many illustrious names. E. Paul Bacheller of this review is a nephew of the Hon. L. P. Hale, counsel for the interstate commerce commission for the state of New York, and is a brother-in-law of the Hon. H. Benjamin Chase, counsel for the excise commission of the state of New York. There is an extended genealogical history of the Bacheller family which has been compiled by Frederick Pierce.

E. Paul Bacheller acquired his early education in the Potsdam Normal School at Potsdam, New York, where he was in attendance for ten years. He afterward entered the Northern Normal School at Aberdeen, South Dakota, from which he was graduated in June, 1913. Later he became a student in the University of Montana at Missoula, where he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1915. He won the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1916, being graduated

with high honors, receiving a prize for the highest scholarship given by the American Law Book Publishing Company. In July of that year he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Miles City, Montana, as an associate of the Hon. George W. Farr, and in April, 1917, he removed to Casper, Wyoming, where he became associated in the practice of his profession with R. H. Nichols. They have been accorded a liberal clientele which has connected them with considerable important litigation.

In addition to his law practice Mr. Bacheller is extensively interested in Wyoming oil and is secretary of the Universal Exploration Company, also of the Western Crude Oil Company and the Bantry Oil Company. A young man of keen discrimination, alert and enterprising, he has made for himself a creditable place in business circles and belongs to that class of progressive young man who are contributing in marked measure to the upbuilding and development of the west. His political allegiance is given to the republican party.

C. P. WASSUNG.

C. P. Wassung, the efficient postmaster of Rock Springs, where he has resided for more than a third of a century, started out in the business world when a lad of thirteen as a messenger boy in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company in Massachusetts. He was born on the 2d of September, 1862, in Springfield, Massachusetts, a son of Philip and Annie (Able) Wassung, the former a native of Germany. The father came to America during the latter part of the '40s, crossing the Atlantic in one of the old-time sailing vessels. He took up his abode in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1870, when he was thirty-seven years of age. He was there engaged in the furniture business and was quite successful in the conduct of his commercial interests. His wife was a native of Germantown, Pennsylvania, and of Swiss lineage, her people having settled in the Keystone state at an early period. Mrs. Wassung passed away in 1902 at the age of sixty-five years. She had reared a family of five children, four of whom are yet living, namely: C. P.; Arthur, a resident of Johnstown, New York; Annie, the wife of William M. Francis, of Atlanta, Georgia; and John B. Hubler, a half-brother, residing in New York city. Lillian died in infancy.

C. P. Wassung was educated in the public schools of his native city and started out to provide for his own support when only thirteen years of age, securing a position as messenger boy with the Western Union Telegraph Company in his native city. He later obtained employment in the Railway Clearing House in Boston and occupied a clerical position there, while subsequently he was with the Boston & Maine Railroad in the auditing department. He next became connected with the New York & New England Express Company at Springfield, Massachusetts, and later became a clerk in the Massoit House, which was the leading hotel of Springfield. There he remained until November, 1883, when he determined to try his fortune in the west and made his way to Rock Springs, where he arrived on the 20th of that month. He then entered the employ of the Beckwith & Quinn Mercantile Company and that he was capable is indicated in the fact that he was retained in the service of that company for nine years. He was afterward with the Union Pacific Coal Company of Rock Springs in the general offices, there continuing for twenty-one years, severing his connection at the time that he was appointed postmaster by President Wilson. He took office on the 1st of March, 1914, and has since been active in that position. He discharges his duties with marked promptness and fidelity, having thoroughly systematized the work of the office, and to the general public he gives entire satisfaction by his prompt and faithful manner of caring for the interests committed to him. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he has been active in its ranks. Aside from serving as postmaster he occupied the position of city

clerk for one term and for two years he was a member of the school board. He has always done everything in his power to further the interests and promote the welfare of city, state and nation, and his efforts in behalf of community interests have been particularly effective, far reaching and beneficial.

On the 10th of August, 1887, in Rock Springs, Mr. Wassung was united in marriage to Miss Nellie A. Menough, a native of Chillicothe, Ohio, and a daughter of H. F. Menough, a representative of one of the old families of the Buckeye state. Mr. and Mrs. Wassung have become the parents of seven children, but three of the number have passed away, Edith having died in childhood, while Arthur has also been called to his final rest, and one child died unnamed in infancy. The others are: Ruth, the wife of Archibald Flora; Howard M., who is serving as sergeant in Squadron One Hundred and Two of the Aviation Corps; George B., who is with the freight department of the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Rock Springs; and Charles P., who is still in school.

Faternally Mr. Wassung is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and was formerly treasurer of his lodge. He was reared in the Unitarian faith but his family are members of the Episcopal church. His has been an active and well spent life, upright and honorable in all relations, and whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed is attributable entirely to his indefatigable industry and perseverance. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, esteem him highly for his genuine personal worth and he has a circle of friends in Rock Springs almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

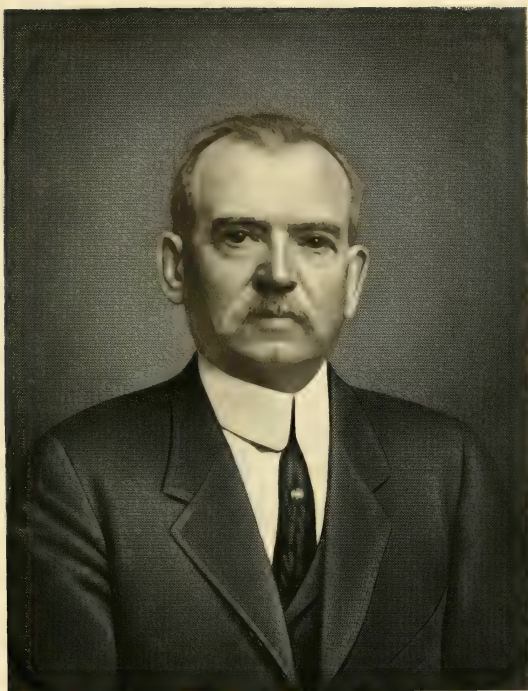
HON. MELVIN NICHOLS.

Hon. Melvin Nichols is now serving for the third term as county and prosecuting attorney of Crook county and makes his home at Sundance. He is a broad-minded man of most liberal education who has been a close student of the leading political, economic and sociological problems of the day, in connection with which he has kept abreast with the best thinking men of the age. By reason of his broad study and ability he has become a leader of public thought and opinion in the community in which he resides and has left the impress of his individuality in considerable measure upon the history of his adopted state. Other writers have termed him "the leading attorney of Crook county."

Mr. Nichols was born in Aurora, Illinois, November 9, 1844, a son of John and Mary (Chase) Nichols. The father was a native of Burlington, Vermont, born October 1, 1808, and his father was one of the minutemen of the Revolutionary war, being connected with the troops who in that section of the country were known as the "Green Mountain Boys." Mary (Chase) Nichols, the mother of Melvin Nichols, was born near Salem, Massachusetts, March 26, 1809, and in early girlhood attended the same school as Benjamin Butler, while John Nichols was a playmate in early life of Brigham Young and Stephen A. Douglas. Throughout the period of his manhood he was identified with agricultural pursuits and after many years' residence in Illinois he passed away in Aurora on the 21st of December, 1863.

Melvin Nichols had mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of his native city and was ready to enter college when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company H, Sixty-fifth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry, on the 12th of March, 1862. After two years' service he reenlisted on the 31st of March, 1864, at Knoxville, Tennessee, in the same company and regiment to serve for three years, and was finally mustered out, reaching home on the 1st day of August, 1865. He had participated in many hotly contested battles in which his regiment took part, and was captured at Harpers Ferry in September, 1862, in what was known as Colonel Miles' surrender.

For a few months after returning home Mr. Nichols aided in the work of



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his father's farm, but soon abandoned the plow to take up study in preparation for the ministry. He devoted about ten years of his life to preaching and then became a law student in the office and under the direction of Jake Koder, of Monroe, Iowa. After thorough preliminary reading he was admitted to the bar in March, 1877, and since that time has devoted his attention largely to the practice of law. He came to Wyoming on the 27th of January, 1887, and for three years thereafter was engaged in law practice in Douglas, when he removed to Sundance on the 9th of August, 1889. Through the intervening period of almost thirty years he has been prominently identified with the profession in Sundance and is regarded as one of the most prominent attorneys of northern Wyoming. His practice has always been large and of an important character. He has been engaged in thirty-seven homicide cases, either as prosecutor or on the defense. The offices which he has filled have largely been in the direct line of his profession. He is now serving for the third term as county and prosecuting attorney, having been first elected in 1890. He was afterward appointed to fill out an unexpired term left vacant by the appointment of J. L. Stotts to the bench. In 1916 he was again elected to the office, in which he is now serving. His political activity has extended to the state legislature. Always an uncompromising republican, he was nominated on the party ticket in 1896 for representative to the house and was elected. In 1900 he was chosen to represent his district in the state senate and was there instrumental in securing the passage of the present anti-gambling law. Wyoming was the first territory to adopt woman's suffrage and the last state to prohibit legalized gambling. At the next election he was again a candidate for the office, but was defeated, largely because of his activity on the side of the anti-gambling bill. He never falters, however, in support of what he believes to be right, and his position upon any vital question is never an equivocal one. He stands fearlessly for plans and measures which he believes will advance the interests of the state along material, political and moral lines, and his standards of citizenship are most high.

On the 7th of October, 1866, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Miss Almeda R. Cooper, of Kingston, Illinois, and to them have been born four children: Horace W., living in Boise, Idaho; A. M., who is a bank president and president of the A. M. Nichols Supply Company of Newcastle, widely recognized as one of the prominent business men of northern Wyoming; Eva E., the wife of Hon. A. V. Eichelberger, of Emmett, Idaho; and Bertha Aree, the wife of Joe Lytle, one of the prominent newspaper men of northern Wyoming.

Mr. Nichols is widely known in Masonic circles, holding membership in Sundance Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M.; Wyoming Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R.; and Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Sheridan. Gifted by nature with marked powers as an orator and debater, he has again and again been called upon to make public addresses and lectures and to debate on almost every subject of interest to the people among whom he has lived. At any and all times he is ready to handle any subject assigned to him, for his reading is most broad and comprehensive and his memory most retentive. He is recognized as a forceful and convincing speaker. When plans were being made for the national convention of the Grand Army of the Republic at Portland, Maine, they advertised for a speaker who could speak on any subject at a moment's notice, and Mr. Nichols was recommended for the occasion. He is one of the most prominent and progressive men of the state, one of its ablest lawyers and capable legislators.

AXEL H. JOHNSON.

The opportunities offered in America to men of foreign birth is well illustrated in the record of Axel H. Johnson, who is manager of the Lincoln Lumber Company at Cokeville. His entire business career has been marked by steady progress and as the architect of his fortunes he has builded wisely and well.

He was born May 19, 1884, in Linköping, Sweden, a son of John Johnson, who was also a native of that country, where he successfully followed farming, making his home in the province of Linköping. To him and his wife, Mrs. Lovise Johnson, were born eight children.

Axel H. Johnson, the fourth in order of birth in that family, acquired his education in the schools of his native country and spent his youth upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He worked with his father until sixteen years of age, when he started out to provide for his own support and entered upon a five years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which brought to him a comprehensive knowledge of the business with broad experience in all departments of building. At length he determined to try his fortune in America, believing that he might have better opportunities on this side the Atlantic than in the old world. In 1907, therefore, he sailed for the United States and after landing on American shores made his way direct to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he was employed by Victor Smith, a well known builder, for five years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Cokeville to take charge of the interests of the Lincoln Lumber Company, of which he is one of the stockholders and the manager. He is thus closely associated with the business interests of this growing town and his ability and enterprise are proving substantial factors in the development of the trade.

Mr. Johnson has voted with the republican party since becoming a naturalized American citizen, having taken out his final papers in Green River in 1913. He belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. It is no easy thing to sever home ties and separate one's self from all those interests and associations with which he has hitherto been connected and then start out in a new country, with the language and customs of which he is unfamiliar. Such a course, however, Mr. Johnson followed, actuated by the laudable purpose of winning success in a business way, and he is not only realizing his ambition but has become recognized as one of the valued and substantial citizens of Cokeville, where he has won many friends, who esteem him highly for his genuine personal worth as well as for his business enterprise.

JUDGE WILLIAM C. MENTZER.

Judge William C. Mentzer, who is occupying the bench of the first Wyoming judicial district, to which position he was called in 1913 for a six years' term, was born near Warsaw, Indiana, October 13, 1867, a son of Cyrus and Nancy (Erb) Mentzer. The father was a farmer by occupation but has now passed away. The mother, however, is still living. In their family were three sons and two daughters, of whom William C. was the youngest.

The family removed to Iowa during the early childhood of William C. Mentzer, who there pursued his education in the public schools of Pleasantville until after he had completed the high school course. He then entered Drake University in preparation for the bar and was graduated at Des Moines with the LL. B. degree as a member of the class of 1896. He also won the LL. B. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1895. He located for the practice of law in Knoxville, Iowa, in 1896 and there remained an active representative of the profession for twelve years, or until 1908. At the time of the Spanish-American war his spirit of loyalty and patriotism was aroused and he responded to the country's call for troops, becoming a second lieutenant of the Fifty-first Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which command he was promoted to the rank of captain and regimental adjutant. He saw active service in the Philippines and thus rendered valuable aid to his country. When his military assistance was no longer needed he returned to the United States.

Mr. Mentzer then again took up his abode in Knoxville, Iowa, where he



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remained in active practice until 1908, when he removed westward to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and became a member of the firm of Donzelmann, Kinkead & Mentzer, which firm ranked with the most prominent attorneys of the west. Later he practiced as a member of the firm of Kinkead & Mentzer, enjoying a most liberal clientage. He has always been careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics, never seeking to lead the court astray in a matter of fact or law, nor endeavoring at any time to withhold from it the knowledge of any fact appearing in the records. He has ever treated the court with the studied courtesy that is its due and never has he indulged in malicious criticism of the jury because it arrived at a conclusion in the decision of a case different from that which he hoped to hear. Calm, dignified, self-controlled, he gives to his clients a service of great talent, unwearied industry and rare learning, but he never forgets that there are certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and, above all, to justice and a righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success permit him to disregard.

At times Mr. Mentzer has been called upon for important public service. He acted as clerk of the committee on military affairs in the national house of representatives at Washington in 1897 and 1898, save for the period of his active service in the Spanish-American war. In 1900 he was county attorney of Marion county, Iowa, and from 1900 until 1902 was city attorney of Knoxville, Iowa. Following his removal to Cheyenne he concentrated his attention upon the private practice of his profession until 1912, when he was elected judge of the first judicial district of Wyoming and has since sat upon the bench, his term of office extending to 1919.

On the 18th of November, 1902, Mr. Mentzer was united in marriage to Miss Maude Gilson, of Knoxville, Iowa, and to them have been born two children, Frances and William C., Jr.

Mr. Mentzer is a republican, always giving stalwart support to the party because of his firm belief in its principles. He belongs to Phi Delta Theta, a college fraternity, and to Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry, belonging to Wyoming Consistory, No. 1, at Cheyenne, and he is also connected with the Woodmen of the World. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Presbyterian church. He is fond of various phases of outdoor life, particularly of horseback riding and of golf, but has had few leisure hours in which to indulge his taste along those lines. His vacations are largely spent on his Wyoming ranch, where he engages in raising beef cattle. He has, however, felt that his law duties demand the greater part of his time and attention, and in this connection he has achieved high distinction which he well deserves.

HAYES R. GROO.

Business enterprise in Evanston finds a substantial representative in Hayes R. Groo, who is the treasurer and manager of the Evanston Hardware Company and is thus actively connected with the commercial interests of the city. He was born October 9, 1877, in Salt Lake City, Utah, a son of Orson H. and Martha (Richards) Groo. The father was born in the state of New York and was descended from one of the old families of that locality that was founded in America prior to the Revolutionary war. Some of his ancestors took part in the struggle for independence.

Orson H. Groo was reared and educated at Grooville in the Catskill mountains of New York and came to the west about 1860, being among the pioneer settlers of Utah. In 1870 he removed to Uinta county, Wyoming, settling on the Bear river, eight miles from Cokeville, and there he was extensively engaged in the raising of live stock. He is now a resident of Montpelier, Idaho, and is there con-

nected with the Oregon Short Line Railway. He married Martha Richards, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah, and a daughter of Samuel W. Richards, who was among the first of the Mormon pioneers that settled in Salt Lake City and was the church historian for many years. He was very prominent not only in church work but in politics in Utah and he went as a missionary from his church to England. In other ways he was a man of marked influence in his community and did much to mold public thought and opinion. His daughter, Mrs. Groo, is still living. By her marriage she became the mother of three sons, of whom Hayes R. is the eldest. The others are: Richard, living in Montpelier, Idaho; and Russell, whose home is also at Montpelier.

Hayes R. Groo was educated in the district schools of Uinta county and in the public schools of Montpelier, Idaho. He spent his early life to the age of fourteen years on his father's farm and then started out to provide for his own support. He was first employed as a stenographer by the Oregon Short Line Railroad Company at Pocatello, Idaho, and continued in the railroad service for several years. He next entered the law office of John Bagley, of Montpelier, Idaho, and at about that time Mr. Bagley was elected attorney general of the state. Mr. Groo then entered the collection department of the Consolidated Wagon & Machine Company at Montpelier and there received his first experience along mercantile lines. He afterward became connected with the Mountain Trading Company at Diamondville, Lincoln county, Wyoming, and while with that corporation thoroughly learned all branches of merchandising, spending seven years in connection with that business. From Diamondville he went to Cokeville and became actively associated with Thomas Sneddon, George E. Pexton and O. H. Brown in purchasing the business of the J. W. Stoner Mercantile Company. Mr. Groo was made manager of the business and so continued for about a year, when owing to illness in the family he was obliged to make a change and accordingly became connected with the operation of the Marcus Daly estate at Hamilton, Montana. He remained in that region for two and a half years in charge of the electric light company and the interests of the water works and the town site company. His well directed activities added very materially to the business and to his commercial training as well. In 1910 he returned to Wyoming as business manager for the Gunn-Quealy Coal Company, with headquarters at Gunn, and remained with that company until June, 1916, when he became connected with the Evanston Hardware Company as manager and treasurer. He has since been actively and continuously engaged in the business, which was established in 1910 and in point of size is the largest individual hardware enterprise in the western part of the state. Mr. Groo is an alert, energetic man closely studying every question that bears upon the profitable conduct of the interests under his direction, and his intelligently managed affairs have brought to the company a very substantial measure of success.

In Montpelier, Idaho, on the 11th of February, 1900, Mr. Groo was married to Miss Annie Blanche Chapman, a native of Logan, Utah, and a daughter of the late William W. Chapman, who was a railroad engineer on the Oregon Short Line, traveling from Green River to Montpelier. His service card with the road dated from 1881. To Mr. and Mrs. Groo have been born four children: Helen Louise, who was born in Montpelier, Idaho, July 16, 1902; Maxine, born in Montpelier, August 15, 1904; Hayes R., born in Diamondville, Wyoming, June 6, 1908; and Ruth Margaret born May 18, 1917.

Mr. Groo has always given his political endorsement to the republican party and is thoroughly informed concerning the leading questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office. He is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, however, but cooperates heartily in the plans and purposes to advance the welfare and promote the progress of city and state. He was made a Mason in Hamilton, Montana, and is still affiliated with Ionic Lodge, No. 38, F. & A. M. He likewise has membership in the Royal Arch chapter and in the Knights Templar commandery at Rock Springs and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine at Rawlins.

He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias at Montpelier, Idaho, and his religious faith is that of the Episcopal church.

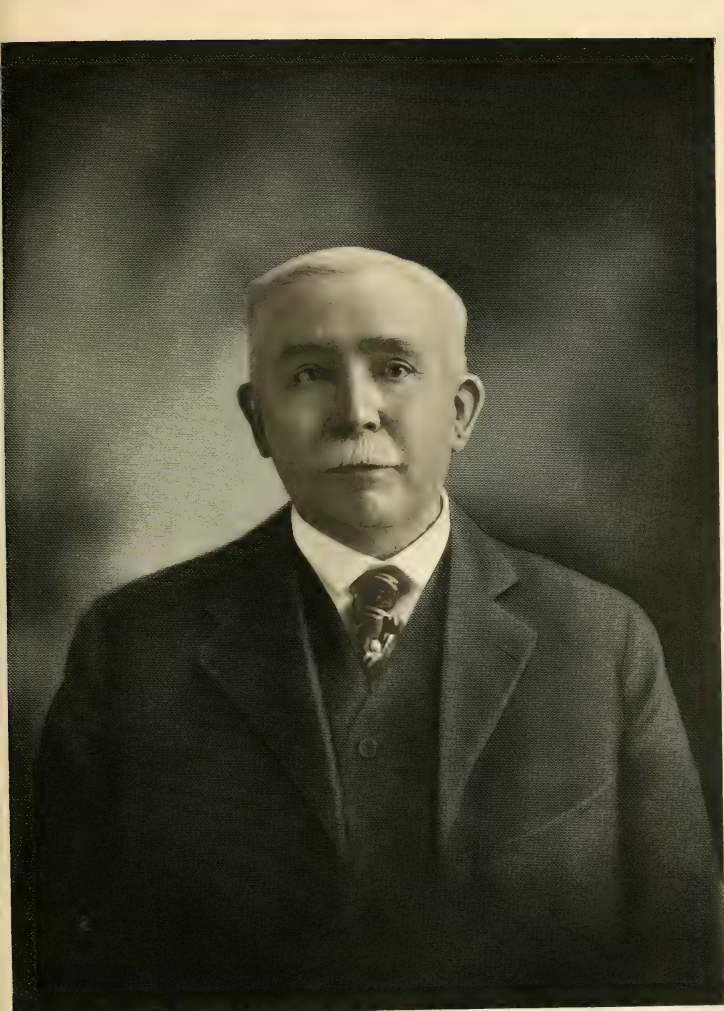
His career has been marked by steady progress since he started out in the business world a poor boy. He is truly a self-made man and deserves all the credit which that term implies, for it has been through his strength of character and his persistency of purpose that he has worked upward. At the same time his course has been characterized by high and honorable principles and worthy motives. He has never deviated from what his judgment has sanctioned as right between himself and his fellowmen and the integrity of his actions and the uprightness of his motives have never been seriously questioned.

FRANK HAWKINS VAUGHAN.

Frank Hawkins Vaughan is prominently known as the president of the Cheyenne Creamery and as the president of the State Dry Farm Board. He is now practically living retired from business, leaving the management and control of the creamery to his sons, but his work in this connection has been of far-reaching benefit and importance to the community, for he was the pioneer in the establishment of the creamery and dairy business in this section of the state, a work that has been of the utmost worth to the farmer, as the creamery now pays about two hundred thousand dollars annually to agriculturists of this locality.

Mr. Vaughan is a native son of New England. He was born in South Pomfret, Windsor county, Vermont, July 23, 1852, his parents being Chauncey and Luvia (Perrin) Vaughan. The father devoted his life to farming, to dairying and to blacksmithing and was a well known agriculturist of the Green Mountain state, but both he and his wife have now passed away.

Frank H. Vaughan, after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools, continued his education in a normal school in Vermont and in young manhood he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and dairying, thus gaining the initial experience which has prepared him for his success in later life. He continued in the east in that connection until 1887, when he resolved to try his fortune in the west and made his way to Fremont, Nebraska, where he purchased a dairy. In 1902 he sold his interests there and came to Cheyenne for the purpose of engaging in the dairy business. He met with discouragement at the hands of the grocers and all of the residents of the community except E. W. Stowe. While there were many cattle raisers, they did not raise cows and there had been no attempt to use dairy products. In 1902, however, Mr. Vaughan located in the Taylor block and established his creamery interests, first churning about three hundred pounds. From the outset the business proved a success and the first year he sold fifty thousand pounds of butter. In 1903 because of the increase of his business he had to remove to a new location and rented the Tilden block at a cost of five thousand dollars. Originally he conducted his business under the name of the Excelsior Creamery and on the 1st of January, 1904, incorporated it under the name of the Cheyenne Creamery with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars. At that time he was using an investment of one hundred thousand dollars in the business and selling his products to the amount of over a quarter of a million dollars annually. In 1904 he also engaged in a small way in handling milk and now uses five wagons in the delivery of dairy products, selling five hundred gallons of milk and eighty gallons of cream each day. In 1908 he further extended the scope of his business by beginning the manufacture of ice cream and this branch has also proven a source of gratifying profit. The gross business will now run about four hundred thousand dollars and he employs forty people in the manufacture of butter, in the handling of dairy products and in the manufacture of ice cream. His work has not only been a source of individual profit but has con-



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stituted one of the important commercial interests of Cheyenne. It has been even more than that, however, for with the coming of Mr. Vaughan to Cheyenne he began to educate the ranchers and show them the possibilities of dairying. He sold them separators and although it was hard, uphill work at first, even the grocers being difficult to convince, he persevered and notwithstanding the fact that they at first hesitated about handling the butter of his creamery he soon demonstrated that his products were of such excellent quality that a great demand would be created. The creamery is now paying to the farmers two hundred thousand dollars a year and the growth of the business is further shown by the fact that they now make over five hundred thousand pounds of butter per year. All their cream is received from Wyoming ranches and only a small part from other sources within the state. When they began their creamery business its opening was quite extensively advertised and they naturally expected the farmers to bring a liberal supply of cream, but their surprise and disappointment was great when only one can was brought in by Martin Willardsen, of Granite Canyon. From this beginning their enormous dairy and creamery business of today has developed.

On the 14th of March, 1885, Mr. Vaughan was married in Woodstock, Windsor county, Vermont, to Miss Lilla Pratt, and to them have been born two sons: Harold, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work; and Stanley. The latter was born in April, 1893, in Fremont, Nebraska, and in the pursuit of his education attended the common schools and the University of Colorado. He came with his parents to Wyoming and has since been connected with the creamery business, being thoroughly familiar with its details and of invaluable assistance to his father in directing its executive in connection with his brother Harold. He was married on October 14, 1916, at Glenrock, to Miss Edna Smith, a daughter of Edward and Eleanor Smith, of Glenrock.

Frank H. Vaughan is a Congregationalist in religious faith. In politics he is a republican and has served as a member of the city council. He is much interested in all that has to do with the welfare and progress of the municipality and of the state. He is now practically living retired from business but continues to advise his sons concerning the management and conduct of the creamery. For the past three years he has not been in the best of health. In April, 1915, he suffered from a shock of paralysis but recovered partially. Soon thereafter a second shock came, it affecting his throat, interfering with his power of speech. His interest in matters of public concern has not abated, however, and he has studied the possibilities of the state for agricultural development and has become thoroughly informed concerning conditions, with a knowledge that has led to his election to the presidency of the State Dry Farm Board. Those who know him, and he has a wide acquaintance, speak of him highly as a business man, as a citizen and as a friend. He is loyal in every relation of life, faithful to every cause which he espouses and throughout his entire career has been actuated by a spirit of enterprise and progress.

ROY MONTGOMERY.

Roy Montgomery is one of the foremost cattle and horse raisers of Campbell county and is also proprietor of the Gillette Hotel in the city of Gillette. In fact he has been one of the dominant factors in the upbuilding of the city and of his further success, viewed in the light of his past performances, there can be no reasonable doubt.

He was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, on the 14th of September, 1875, and after mastering the lessons taught in the graded and high schools of Daviess county, Missouri, he took up the study of law and was admitted to practice at the state bar of Kansas. He never entered upon the active work of the profession,

however, but his knowledge of law has been of immense value to him in the conduct of his business affairs in subsequent years. He then came to Wyoming, establishing his home at Sundance, and for ten years he rode the range. During this time he was getting together a small bunch of cattle of his own and then he took up his abode in Gillette and has since been closely and prominently identified with the business interests and with the upbuilding of this section of the state. During the period of his residence in Gillette he has conducted a hotel and has also continued in active connection with cattle raising. For some time he conducted the Montgomery Hotel, one of the best furnished hotels in the state, having charge thereof for five years. He sold out that business in 1915 and for two years was not associated with hotel management but in 1917 opened the Gillette Hotel, which he is now successfully conducting. He is one of the prominent cattle men of Campbell county, running from twenty-five hundred to three thousand head, his interests in this connection being perhaps surpassed by only one other in the county. He also has extensive investments in oil lands and from his oil properties is deriving a gratifying income. He likewise gives attention to horses and has six or seven hundred head upon his range. His business interests are wisely and carefully managed, his investments judiciously made and his enterprise and determination have brought to him a measure of success that is most substantial.

In 1903 Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage to Miss Anna Warkow, of Lincoln, Nebraska. He is a democrat in his political views and for years was a prominent factor in the councils of the party, his opinions carrying weight among party leaders. He served for two terms as mayor of Gillette but has not been active as a seeker after office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, which have grown to large proportions and which place him among the representative and prominent men of the state, contributing much to the material development of Campbell county and of Wyoming.

PERCY M. CROPPER.

Percy M. Cropper, one of the proprietors of the Casper Daily Press and Casper Record, published at Casper, Wyoming, was born July 29, 1881, in Mazomanie, Dane county, Wisconsin, his parents being William M. and Mary (Walster) Cropper. He acquired a common school education and afterward took up the study of law, to which he devoted his leisure hours for several years while employed on a Chicago newspaper. Much of his life, however, has been devoted to journalistic work. Before he was eighteen years of age he became police reporter at the old Maxwell Street police station in Chicago for the City Press Association and later he was employed on the Chicago Examiner and the Chicago Inter Ocean. He came west in 1904, going first to Utah, where he secured a position on the Salt Lake Herald. He was afterward engaged in the irrigation business in Emery county, Utah, and for a time devoted his attention to the brokerage business in Salt Lake City, but again entered the newspaper field as financial editor of the Deseret News of Salt Lake, retaining that position for a number of years. He became engaged in the oil business in Wyoming, holding large interests in the Casper Embar Petroleum Company, and he is now an officer in the Casper Trust Company and has many business interests in Utah. In November, 1917, he became associated with others in the purchase of the Casper Daily Press and Casper Record, which papers he is now publishing. The papers have been incorporated as the Casper Press-Record Publishing Company, Mr. Cropper being vice president and business manager. He is one of the best known journalists of this section of the country and also a representative business man, identified with various interests which have had to do with the upbuilding and development of the west.

In Salt Lake, Utah, on the 12th of September, 1908, Mr. Cropper was united



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in marriage to Miss Mildred J. Hansen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hansen, and they have one son, John Samuel, born September 25, 1914.

Although interested in politics and civic affairs, Mr. Cropper has always preferred to stay in the background and has not cared to occupy public office. However, his aid and influence are given in support of various projects for the general good and his business efforts have largely been of a character that have contributed to general improvement as well as to individual success. He is a firm believer in the west, recognizing its countless opportunities and its undeveloped resources, and he has done much to further its interests in many ways.

VICTOR J. FACINELLI

Victor J. Facinelli, cashier of the North Side State Bank at Rock Springs, was born in Revo, in the Tyrol, in Austria, December 4, 1887, a son of Albert and Katherina (Rossi) Facinelli, both of whom were natives of Austria, where they remained until 1888 and then crossed the Atlantic to the new world, taking up their abode near Joliet, Illinois, where the father engaged in mining. In 1889, however, he removed to Wyoming and came first to Rock Springs, where he engaged in mining for several years. He later entered the mercantile business, which he conducted for a time and then sold out, turning his attention to the retail liquor business. He died in April, 1908, at the age of fifty years, and is still survived by his widow, who makes her home in Rock Springs. They had a family of four children, all of whom are living: Rose; Serafina, who is a teacher in the high school; Thomas Paul, a high school student; and Victor J., who is the eldest.

Victor J. Facinelli was only a year old when brought by his parents to the new world. He attended the local schools and at the age of fifteen years became a student in the State University at Laramie, where he pursued his studies for three years. In June, 1906, he accepted a position in the First National Bank of Rock Springs as messenger boy and during the six years of his connection with that institution he rose to the position of assistant cashier. On the 15th of August, 1912, he became one of the organizers of the North Side State Bank, which he opened, and with the management and conduct of which he has since been closely associated. He has seen the assets of the bank grow to a million dollars in five years' time. In connection with his active work as cashier of the North Side State Bank, Mr. Facinelli is a stockholder of the First National Bank of Rock Springs, also a director of the Miners' State Bank of Superior, Wyoming, and is the principal stockholder of the Labarge Live Stock Company. He is likewise a director of the Rock Springs Lumber Company and is secretary of the Rock Springs Fuel Company.

In religious faith Mr. Facinelli is a Roman Catholic. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Rock Springs and has served as exalted ruler. He is a firm believer in the state and its future development, and his loyalty to its interests is indicated in the fact that his investments have all been placed in business projects of Wyoming.

JOSEPH R. HYLTON, M. D.

Dr. Joseph R. Hylton, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Douglas, bases his growing success upon thorough collegiate training and later study and investigation, which keeps him in touch with the trend of modern scientific thought and progress.

A native of Kansas, he was born in Elk county, on the 30th of January, 1883, a son of T. W. and Mattie (Moore) Hylton. He pursued his education in the public and high schools until he had completed the course in the latter and then

entered Cotner University at Lincoln, Nebraska. He thus gained a broad literary education to serve as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge, and entering Bennett Medical College of Chicago, he pursued the full course there and was graduated with the class of 1906. Thinking to find better business opportunities in the west, he came to Douglas, Wyoming, where he has since been practicing with success. His patrons have constantly increased in number and the nature of his business has constantly grown in importance. He is now serving as city physician.

On the 10th of August, 1909, Dr. Hylton was united in marriage to Miss Ora Davis and their children are: Roy H., Helen E. and Janice. Dr. Hylton finds recreation in rifle shooting, at which he has gained considerable proficiency. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party and he is serving as a member of the state central committee from Converse county. His opinions carry weight in the councils of his party and at all times he keeps in touch with the trend of political thought. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in the Consistory, and he is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Commercial Club and cooperates in all that has to do with the welfare and improvement of Douglas. Along professional lines his connection is with the Wyoming State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and thus he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the latest discoveries and theories of the profession. He went to the Mexican border as captain of the medical corps of the Wyoming Infantry in the summer of 1916 and he is now assigned to duty as major of the ordnance department, with the state troops of Wyoming. He is a young man of pronounced ability, broad-minded and public-spirited, having made for himself a creditable position in professional ranks, while he has become a recognized leader in democratic circles and in other connections which have much to do with shaping public thought and action.

DANIEL R. GANIARD.

Daniel R. Ganiard is a representative business man who has readily utilized the opportunities that have come to him and by reason of his indefatigable industry and ready adaptability has steadily worked his way upward. He is now manager for the Western Auto Transit Company at Rock Springs and although he has made his home in that city for only six years he is recognized as one of its wide-awake and progressive business men. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, April 29, 1885, and is the eldest in a family of three children whose parents were Myron A. and Emily (Ross) Ganiard, both of whom were natives of the Empire state, the father having been born in Rochester, while the mother was a native of Brooklyn. The father engaged in business along mechanical lines in the east and afterward removed to East Moline, Illinois, where he still resides.

Daniel R. Ganiard pursued his education in the public schools of the state of New York and mastered the branches taught in the high school at Poughkeepsie, New York. He started out to provide for his own support when a youth of nineteen years, entering upon an apprenticeship to learn the machinist's trade. He completed his full term of indenture and gained a comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the business, which he followed as a journeyman for five years. He was afterward associated with his father in systematizing the business of the Iowa Dairy Cream Separator Company at Waterloo, Iowa, where he remained for two years. He was also employed to systematize the interests of the Lisle Manufacturing Company at Clarinda, Iowa, and subsequently he removed to Topeka, Kansas, where he was connected with the Smith Automobile Company as general foreman of the machine shop and engine assembly. He continued in the latter place for two years and on the expiration of that period removed to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he arrived in the fall of 1911. He

then became connected with the company which he now represents, being manager for the Western Auto Transit Company. After four months with the company he was advanced to his present position and he is also one of the stockholders of the business, which was established and incorporated in 1910 with J. W. Hay as president, J. H. Anderson, vice president, T. S. Taliaferro as secretary and treasurer, and D. R. Ganiard as manager. Mr. Ganiard's thorough training along mechanical lines and his later experience in salesmanship have well qualified him for the onerous duties which devolve upon him in connection with the development and upbuilding of the business which he is now actively controlling and which is meeting with a substantial measure of success.

In 1906, in Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Ganiard was married to Miss Grace Beal, a native of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beal, representatives of one of the old families of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Ganiard became the parents of four children, one of whom has passed away, Marjorie, who died in Rock Springs and who was the third in order of birth. The others are: Emily G., who was born in Waterloo, Iowa; Robert, born in Topeka, Kansas; and Lois, born in Rock Springs.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Episcopal church, of which they are loyal adherents. Mr. Ganiard gives his political endorsement to the republican party and while not an office seeker he keeps well informed concerning the vital questions and political problems of the day and does all in his power to insure party success. His attention, however, is mainly concentrated upon his business interests, and his progress and prosperity are the direct result of his close application and indefatigable effort, intelligently directed.

ERNEST GEORGE BURDETT.

Ernest George Burdett, proprietor of a leading grocery establishment in the progressive city of Evanston, displaying in the conduct of his business interests the spirit of marked enterprise and advancement which has characterized the upbuilding of this city and the development of western Wyoming, was born April 11, 1880, in Evanston, his parents being James and Sarah J. (Lethbridge) Burdett, both of whom were natives of England, whence they crossed the Atlantic to America, and on the 1st of October, 1870, became residents of Piedmont, Wyoming. The father engaged in railroad work in connection with the construction of the Union Pacific and on the 10th of January, 1875, he came to Evanston, where he entered the employ of the firm of Blyth & Pixley, with whom he remained for sixteen years. He then entered into business on his own account as a partner in the firm of Dawson & Burdett, an association that was maintained for sixteen years, at the end of which time Mr. Burdett sold out and organized the Burdett Mercantile Company, conducting business under that style from 1910 until 1915, when he once more disposed of his business. Since then he has lived retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He has now passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, having reached the age of seventy-two, while his wife is living at the age of sixty-nine years. They had a family of thirteen children, of whom four died in infancy, while nine are still living: Alma J.; Mrs. P. G. Matthews; Jim; William H., who is clerk of the district court; Charles L.; Frank J., a resident of Shoshone, Idaho; Lorenzo; and Laurina.

Of this family Ernest George Burdett was the seventh in order of birth. His boyhood and youth were largely devoted to the acquirement of a public school education in Evanston, where he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1897. He then spent two years in his father's employ, after which he traveled in England, engaged in mission work in that country for two years. Returning to his native land, he acted for three years as clerk in the county courthouse and was promoted to the position of chief deputy county clerk, in which

capacity he continued for three years. He then embarked in business with his father, with whom he was associated until they sold their interests. In 1915 Mr. Burdett of this review established the Burdett grocery store, which is now one of the leading commercial interests of Evanston. He carries a large stock of staple and fancy groceries and enjoys an extensive trade which is steadily growing as the country round about becomes more thickly settled. He is also the secretary and treasurer of the Stahley Land & Live Stock Company, in which connection he is extensively engaged in raising cattle and sheep, the company being capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars. He is likewise a director and the secretary of the Uinta County Fair Association and he does everything in his power to stimulate an interest in progressive farming and stock raising, and in the improvement of all lines of business leading to the substantial improvement and development of this section of the state.

On the 23d of September, 1903, Mr. Burdett was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Hortense Spence, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Spence, of Salt Lake City. Six children have been born of this marriage: Ernest J., born in 1904; Harold, in 1906; Marion S., in 1908; Benjamin, in 1910; Carl G., in 1914; and Geneva Hortense, born November 29, 1916. The four eldest children are now in school.

The parents are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Mr. Burdett is superintendent of the Woodruff State Sunday schools. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he stands for progress and improvement in everything that has to do with the welfare and upbuilding of city, county or commonwealth. He ranks with Evanston's representative business men, occupying an enviable position in public regard by reason of a well spent life, fidelity to high standards of business and loyalty in citizenship.

WILLIAM R. LOWHAM.

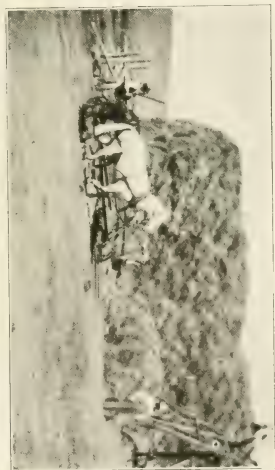
William R. Lowham, filling the office of sheriff in Uinta county, discharging his duties without fear or favor and thus making a most excellent record as a public official, was born December 4, 1872, in London, Canada West, a son of Michael Lowham, a native of Ireland, who went to Canada in 1871 and was there engaged in railroading. In 1873 he removed to Wyoming and established his home at Rock Springs, where he acted as section foreman for the Union Pacific Railroad Company for twenty-five years. He is now retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits. He has been a resident of Evanston for the past twenty years and is numbered among its worthy and respected citizens. His political endorsement is given to the democratic party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He married Miss Eliza Burns, a native of Dublin, Ireland, in which country they were married. They became the parents of ten sons and one daughter.

William R. Lowham, the eldest of the family, was educated at Hilliard, Wyoming, and started out to provide for his own support when a youth of sixteen years. He was first employed by the Union Pacific Railway Company, beginning work on the section. From that humble position he advanced to engineer and devoted thirteen years to service in that connection with the Union Pacific. He was then elected to the office of sheriff of Uinta county in 1912 and made such an excellent record that he was re-elected and was again chosen for the third term. He is still serving in that capacity, owing to his second re-election, and he has made a most efficient officer, discharging his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. His name has become a menace to evildoers and conveys a feeling of safety to all law-abiding citizens.

On the 6th of July, 1903, Mr. Lowham was married in Evanston, Wyoming, to Miss Elizabeth A. Banner, a native of England and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Banner, who were pioneer settlers of Coalville, Utah. To



WILLIAM R. LOWHAM



SCENES ON THE WILLIAM F. LOWHAM RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. Lowham were born the following children: Ellen Lucile, born October 30, 1905; Benjamin Richard, born February 3, 1907; Wesley Samuel, born January 29, 1909; George William, born December 6, 1912; and Clarence Leo, born August 18, 1916. All are yet at home.

Fraternally Mr. Lowham is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he also has membership with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and his life is guided according to its teachings. His political support is given to the republican party and in former years he was one of the active workers in its ranks but more recently has not been active in politics, as he does not care to have politics interfere in any way with the faithful performance of his duties.

He is a self-made man whose prosperity has been won through earnest effort and close application. Since 1888 he has conducted a ranch covering an entire section of land in Uinta county, and thereon he is engaged in the raising of cattle and horses. He gives supervision to his interests in that connection in addition to discharging the duties of his office and is regarded as a wide-awake, alert and progressive business man as well as an official whose fidelity to duty is above question.

RAYMOND E. ROBB.

A well known and prominent figure in commercial circles in Laramie is Raymond E. Robb, who is manager of the J. C. Penney Company, one of the leading dry goods establishments in the southern part of the state. He was born in Monte Vista, Colorado, January 17, 1890, and is a son of Robert E. and Florence (Collins) Robb, both of whom were natives of Iowa. At an early date they removed westward to Colorado, settling in Monte Vista, where the father engaged in the cattle business and in general agricultural pursuits. He still makes his home there, he and his wife being attractively located in Monte Vista. They had a family of two children, the daughter being Ethel Mae, now a resident of Denver.

The son, Raymond E. Robb, who is the eldest, spent his boyhood in Monte Vista, Colorado, where he attended school, while later he became a student in the high school at Pueblo, Colorado, completing his course there in 1909. He next entered the University of Colorado, spending one year as a student in the academic department, and on the expiration of that period he entered the employ of the Humane Remedy Company at Des Moines, Iowa, with which he was connected for a year. Later he returned to Colorado, settling in Del Norte, where he engaged in the dry goods business for two years. On disposing of his interests there he removed to Laramie and became identified with the dry goods trade of this city as an employee of the J. C. Penney Company. Advancing step by step as his ability and worth became recognized, he was made manager in 1917 and is now thus prominently identified with one of the leading commercial interests of this city. Long and varied experience well qualified him for the position and his efforts are contributing in marked degree to the success of the business.

On the 28th of October, 1910, in Boulder, Colorado, Mr. Robb was married to Miss Ethel M. Hill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hill, of Des Moines, Iowa. They have become parents of two children: Constance Virginia, who was born in Del Norte, Colorado, May 28, 1913; and Sarah Beatrice, who was born in Del Norte, September 21, 1914.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and they have won an enviable position in social circles during the period of their residence in Laramie, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended them. In his political views Mr. Robb maintains an independent course, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights and Ladies of Security. He is today regarded as one of the representative young business men of Laramie, standing high in commercial

circles and holding equal rank as a citizen. Alert and energetic, he is ready to improve every opportunity that comes his way and his ability is attested by his colleagues and contemporaries.

CHARLES BOSEN.

Charles Bosen, proprietor of the Bosen plumbing shop in Sheridan, was born in Denmark, March 1, 1867, and is a son of Christian and Margaret (Hanson) Bosen, who were likewise natives of Denmark, spending their entire lives in their native country. They had a family of nine children, of whom seven are living.

Charles Bosen was reared and educated in Denmark and came to America in 1891, when a young man of twenty-four years. Crossing the Atlantic, he first settled in Indiana, where he resided for a year and then sought the opportunities of the growing west, making his way to Wyoming. He spent one year in Gillette and afterward removed to Sheridan, where he worked in various ways for several years. Later he learned the plumbing business, which he has since followed, and making steady advancement in this connection he is now at the head of a profitable business.

He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership in Lodge No. 19, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and efforts upon his business interests, and gradually through his own efforts he has worked his way upward and is today at the head of one of the important business concerns of his adopted city.

WILLIAM R. GRIER.

William R. Grier, secretary and treasurer of the Grier Lumber Company of Cheyenne, was born in Peoria, Illinois, on the 23d of October, 1869, and is a son of D. P. and Anna (McKinney) Grier. The father, who was long engaged in the grain business, was known as General Grier, having won his title by active service as a volunteer in the Civil war. He had joined the army during the early period of hostilities between the north and the south and was made colonel of the Seventy-seventh Infantry. Later he won promotion to the rank of brigadier general in the Thirteenth Army Corps. His last days were passed in St. Louis, where he departed this life in 1891, and his widow, surviving him, is yet making her home in St. Louis. They had a family of five sons and two daughters, of whom William R. was the third in order of birth. The oldest of the family is now deceased.

William R. Grier pursued his education in the public schools of St. Louis, in the Washington University and in Smith Academy. He pursued all branches of manual training and was graduated from the manual training school. He afterward spent a short time with an engineering corps in Kansas and in 1889 he removed westward to Denver, since which time he has made his home in the western country. He spent some time at Cripple Creek, Colorado, and later removed to Cheyenne, since which date he has been located here, controlling his wide interests. He makes his home in Cheyenne and is well known in the business circles of this city as the secretary and treasurer of the Grier Lumber Company. He is a man of keen sagacity and unfaltering enterprise and has readily recognized opportunities for judicious investment along business lines. His interests have thus been broad and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. He brooks no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent

and earnest effort, and his indomitable energy and enterprise have brought about the successful fulfillment of his plans.

On the 6th of May, 1896, Mr. Grier was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stewart, of Denver, and their children are: Ralph Stewart, who is receiving teller in the First National Bank of Cheyenne; Margaret, who is a high school graduate and is now a student in the Denver University; Mary E.; Susan H.; and Anna McKinney.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Presbyterian church. In social circles they occupy an enviable position and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends in Cheyenne. Mr. Grier is a republican in his political views and fraternally he is well known, being connected with the Woodmen of the World, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Hoo Hoos, a prominent lumber organization. In 1917 Mr. Grier was president of the Mountain States Lumber Dealers' Association, an organization which has been in existence for about sixteen years, and he was the first president ever elected from Wyoming. He feels that he has made no mistake in turning his attention to the west and directing his efforts in the midst of its activities. As the years have gone on he has steadily progressed and each forward step has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

ROBERT B. FORSYTH.

On the roster of officials in Wyoming appears the name of Robert B. Forsyth, who is filling the position of state auditor. He was born in Newburg, Ontario, Canada, on the 12th of May, 1874, and is a son of James and Margaret (Stuart) Forsyth, the former a farmer by occupation. The parents have passed away. They reared a family of four sons and four daughters, of whom Robert B. was the youngest.

In the schools of Canada, Robert B. Forsyth pursued his education. He attended the high school at Harrowsmith, Ontario, and also a business college. He afterward learned telegraphy and for ten years devoted his time and energies to railroad work. On the expiration of that period he became bookkeeper for the Union Pacific Coal Company at Rock Springs, Wyoming. He acted for a time as head bookkeeper and later was appointed manager of the store. At a subsequent period he engaged in merchandising in connection with the J. P. McDermott Company, acting as secretary of the company. Thus step by step he worked his way upward, becoming more and more closely connected with the management of important business interests. After five years he was elected auditor and in 1910 he removed to Cheyenne to make his home in the capital city in order to discharge his duties at this point. In 1914 he was re-elected to the office for a second term of four years, so that he is the present incumbent in the position.

Mr. Forsyth was married May 12, 1895, to Miss Mary Ludvigsen of Rock Springs, and they have become parents of two sons, Donald and Stuart, the former now assistant deputy insurance commissioner. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth are consistent members of the Episcopal church and socially they occupy an enviable position.

In politics Mr. Forsyth has long been a stalwart republican and upon the ticket of that party was elected to his present position. He has also held the offices of treasurer and mayor of Rock Springs and he represented Sweetwater county in the state senate for a period of four years. His opinions have carried weight in the councils of the party and he has done everything in his power to further its interests and promote its success because of his firm belief in the efficacy of its platform as a factor in good government. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of



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the desert. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he belongs to the Industrial Club of Cheyenne. He is fond of outdoor life, especially of hunting, and turns to that pursuit for recreation. He is a very public-spirited man, interested in the state and its development, and his cooperation can always be counted upon to further any plan or measure for the general good. He has ever regarded a public office as a public trust and it is a well known fact that no trust reposed in Robert B. Forsyth has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree.

WILLIAM MORRIS STANSBURY.

William Morris Stansbury, prominently known as a member of the bar of Douglas since 1910, was born on the 5th of October, 1882, in Braidwood, Illinois, a son of John and Mary Stansbury, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He acquired a common school education in Braidwood and afterward became a high school pupil in Joliet, Illinois. He also attended the University of Illinois and there pursued his law course, having determined upon law practice as a life work. Having thus thoroughly qualified for a professional career, he took up the active work and in 1910 removed to Douglas, Wyoming, where he has since been a well known representative of the bar. Three years later he was joined by his father and under the firm style of Stansbury & Stansbury they have since continued in practice and a liberal clientele is accorded them which has constantly grown in volume and importance as the years have passed by.

On the 18th of July, 1912, in Douglas, Wyoming, Mr. Stansbury was united in marriage to Miss Florence Reid, a daughter of Charles and Eliza Reid. They now have two children, Janet Elizabeth and William Morris, Jr.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Congregational church and fraternally Mr. Stansbury is connected with the Masons and with the Woodmen of the World. In politics he is an earnest republican and for three terms filled the office of town clerk of Douglas, his reappointments being proof of the capability and efficiency which he displayed in the discharge of his duties. In 1916 he was elected police justice and is now occupying that position. He is identified with the Commercial Club and the Douglas Good Roads Club and is thus active in support of many movements which have to do with the welfare and upbuilding of this section of the state. He stands for progressiveness in all things and his activities have been farreaching and resultant.

PATRICK HENRY HEALY.

Patrick Henry Healy, connected with commercial interests in Rawlins, where he is engaged in merchandising as proprietor of a variety store, was born in Peoria, Illinois, May 26, 1869, a son of Daniel Healy, who was a native of Ireland but came to America at the age of sixteen years and first took up his abode in Peoria, Illinois. He had pursued his education in the schools of his native country and in young manhood he followed the trade of blacksmithing, which he learned after arriving in the new world. He continued to devote his energies to that pursuit throughout his entire life. About 1871 he removed westward from Omaha, Nebraska, and took up his abode in Rawlins, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1900, when he had reached the age of seventy-three years. During all the period of his active life he was employed at the blacksmith's trade in the shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. His political endorsement was given to the democratic party and his religious faith was that of the Roman Catholic church. He married Ann Denn,

a native of Ireland, who came to the United States in young girlhood. They had a family of thirteen children, seven of whom are living.

Patrick H. Healy, the fifth in order of birth, was less than two years of age when the family home was established in Rawlins, where he became a pupil in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until at the age of sixteen years he left school in order to provide for his own support. He was first employed as an apprentice at the printer's trade, serving a four years' term of indenture, during which time he gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the business. He was afterward connected with various pursuits and in 1899 he entered the cigar, tobacco and confectionery business, which he conducted successfully until April, 1912. He then sold his store and in December, 1914, established his present business, opening a variety store, which he has since carried on. He conducts the only exclusive variety store in Carbon county and has developed a trade of large and satisfactory proportions. His business methods are such as commend him to the confidence and support of the public and his patronage has constantly grown until his annual sales now reach a gratifying figure.

At Peoria, Illinois, on the 14th of October, 1914, Mr. Healy was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bertha Carter, a native of that state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter, of an old and prominent Illinois family. Mr. and Mrs. Healy have become parents of one child, Ruth Garner, who was born in Peoria, Illinois, November 16, 1915.

In his political views Mr. Healy is a democrat, having supported the party since reaching adult age. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also with the Red Men and his religious faith is that of the Catholic church, his connection being with St. Joseph's parish in Rawlins. There are no esoteric phases in his life and the secret of his success is not hard to find. He started out in life a poor boy but early recognized the fact that industry wins and industry became the beacon light of his life. Working diligently and persistently, allowing nothing to deter him in carrying out his honest purposes, he has advanced step by step and has reached a creditable place in commercial circles in his adopted city.

DAVID G. THOMAS.

The subject of this sketch was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1857, a son of the late John F. and Margaret (Griffiths) Thomas. Both parents were natives of Wales, and on leaving that scenic country, crossed the Atlantic to the new world, arriving in America during the early '50s. They met and were married in Pennsylvania and after a few years removed to New Haven, West Virginia, and their last days were spent in Macon county, Missouri. During the Civil war Mr. Thomas served as a member of the Home Guard at Syracuse, Ohio. Throughout his entire life he engaged in coal mining and in this manner provided for his family, which numbered twelve children.

David G., the eldest of that family, attended for a few months the public schools in Fulton county, Illinois; but from the age of ten years, he had been employed in the mines of that state and of Missouri, until on attaining his majority his health having failed, he sought it in the mountainous regions of Wyoming, arriving in the then territory, March 11, 1878, taking up his abode in Rock Springs where he at once became connected with the coal mining interests. He served in various capacities in connection with mine operations, and he has been with the Union Pacific Coal Company all of said time, save for a period of about sixteen years, six of which were spent as the state inspector of coal mines, two years as county and prosecuting attorney of Sweetwater county, and six years as prosecuting attorney of Uinta county. Giving up the practice of

law, at the solicitation of the general manager of the Union Pacific Coal Company, who invited him to become mine superintendent at Rock Springs.

In May, 1893, Mr. Thomas was married in Bevier, Macon county, Missouri, to Miss Elizabeth E. Jones, a graduate of the State Normal School at Kirksville and a teacher in the public schools of Bevier. She was the daughter of David W. and Elizabeth Jones. They have become the parents of one child, Myfanwy Thomas, who was born March 8, 1894 in Rock Springs, and was graduated from the Wyoming State University and from Leland Stanford Junior University, and is the wife of Doctor John H. Goodnough, of Reliance, Wyoming.

Politically Mr. Thomas is a republican, was a member of the last territorial legislature, was for one term the mayor of Rock Springs, is at present a member of the state board of examiners for mine inspectors, a director of the North Side State Bank, and a member of the school board of Rock Springs.

Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias of which order he is a past supreme representative and with the Masonic order, having reached the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Consistory in the Scottish Rite, and is a noble of the Mystic Shrine.

During his leisure hours he has found time to write verse and is the author of a publication entitled, "Overland and Underground," which has met with commendation and approval among the rank and file generally.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are both identified with the Presbyterian faith.

W. D. McKEON.

W. D. McKeon is the vice president of the Newcastle National Bank and the secretary and manager of the Newcastle Land & Live Stock Company, operating extensively in the sheep and cattle industry, their interests being surpassed by those of few individuals or corporations in the state of Wyoming. Mr. McKeon in these connections displays marked discernment, executive ability and unfaltering enterprise and his activities are of a nature that contribute to the material progress and upbuilding of the section in which he resides.

He has always remained west of the Mississippi river, his birth having occurred in Springfield, Missouri, on the 14th of June, 1869, his parents being Dennis and Mary (Livingstone) McKeon, the former a native of Ireland, while the latter was born in Pennsylvania. The mother came of Revolutionary war stock, being a direct descendant of the Livingstone who administered the oath of office to George Washington when he was inaugurated president of the United States. Dennis McKeon was a young man when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world and shortly after he responded to the country's call for troops to aid in the preservation of the Union, enlisting in a New York regiment for active service in the Civil war. He went to the front under General Lyons. He had landed in the United States in 1863 in company with his brother-in-law, Patrick Carroll, who also enlisted and was shot through the breast at the battle of Shiloh. He was left for dead on the field, but crawled to the river where the wounded were being transported across, was picked up among the other injured men and finally recovered from his wounds. Dennis McKeon, after about two years' active service, was honorably discharged in 1865, the war having been brought to a successful termination. He located in the vicinity of Springfield, Missouri, where he was married, and there continued to make his home until his death, which occurred about 1912. His widow still survives and is yet living in Springfield.

W. D. McKeon, of this review, was educated in the public schools and in his youthful days he learned the blacksmith's trade in the railroad shops at Springfield, Missouri. In 1889, when a young man of twenty years, he left home to enter upon his business career, going to Texas, where he rode the range for two years, and in the fall of 1891 he came to Wyoming and through



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the succeeding five years was employed at blacksmithing in the shops of the Union Pacific Railroad, working along the entire line of the road through Wyoming. During this period, however, or in 1896, in company with John F. Hittle, he established business on his own account in a small way, placing a herd of cattle at the head of Green river, in Fremont county. He then resigned his position with the railroad company, in order to give his entire attention to his live stock business. About this time he sold his cattle holdings to his partner, Mr. Hittle, and organized the Green River Land & Live Stock Company, which was incorporated with Mr. McKeon as secretary and manager. He concentrated his entire attention upon the interests of the company, which engaged in sheep raising only until 1906, when they formed the Newcastle Land & Live Stock Company, which absorbed the former company. The newly formed corporation handles sheep, cattle and horses and has developed into one of the important live stock companies of the state. They control in the neighborhood of four hundred thousand acres of land, on which they range some twenty-five thousand head of sheep and from ten to fifteen thousand head of cattle. Care and attention to their interests, wisdom in the care of their flocks and herds and enterprising methods in the conduct of their business have brought to them a very substantial measure of success.

In 1896 Mr. McKeon was united in marriage to Miss Emily Bransfield, of Evanston, Wyoming, and to them have been born five children, of whom four are living, Mary Irene, Maurice J., Emily C. and William D.

In his political views Mr. McKeon is an earnest republican and in 1896 he was elected to the office of treasurer of Green River. Under the administration of Governor Brooks he was appointed to the position of state sheep commissioner of the northern district of Wyoming, but political honors and offices have had little attraction for him, as he had always preferred to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his individual interests. However, he is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship nor unmindful of the obligations that devolve upon him in that way, and he stands for all that is progressive and worth while in the public life of the community. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and both he and his wife are members of the Catholic church. His life is indicative of what may be accomplished through industry and perseverance and may well illustrate to others what may be gained through earnest individual effort.

J. B. YOUNG.

Starting out in life with a common school education as his equipment, working in the coal mines in his early youth amid constant danger, it would seem that there was little business outlook for J. B. Young, but ambition and determination will eventually come to the front, and believing that his future depended upon his own efforts, Mr. Young so directed his labors that in the course of years he was able to start out upon an independent financial career. He further qualified for life's practical and responsible duties by close study and the reading of good books and thus he continually broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency. At length he determined to leave the mines and with the money which he had saved he established a small confectionery store in Rock Springs. The business grew and expanded and his activities were extended to still other lines. One after another branch was added until he is now at the head of an extensive trade and ranks with the leading general merchants not only of Rock Springs but of his section of the state. His trade covers a wide territory and his business is most satisfactory.

Mr. Young is a native of Scotland. He was born at Gorebridge, December 14, 1866, a son of George and Katherine (Black) Young, who came to America in the spring of 1888, making their way westward to Walsenburg, Colorado. The

father engaged in mining and in 1890 removed to Rock Springs, where he continued in the same line of business. He died in 1899 at the age of seventy-three years, while his wife passed away in 1898. In their family were fifteen children, six sons and nine daughters.

J. B. Young, the tenth in order of birth, attended the schools of Scotland during the period of his youth and afterward took up coal mining in that country, facing the many dangers incident to mining coal at that period, when life was not safeguarded as it is at the present time. He continued in coal mining at Rock Springs until 1897, when he established business on his own account in a small way and has since developed his interests until he now has one of the largest and most important general mercantile establishments in this part of the state. He began with a small stock and a limited capital but he based his activities upon industry, determination and indefatigable energy and those qualities have constituted an excellent foundation upon which to build the superstructure of success.

On the 12th of February, 1906, Mr. Young was married to Miss Maude L. Rhodes and they have become parents of two children: George Nephi, who was born in Rock Springs in 1911; and Hannah Catherine, who was born in January, 1915.

Mr. Young votes with the republican party and in 1892, again in 1894 and in 1896 was elected on that ticket to represent his district in the state legislature. He has also served as a member of the city council and has been a member of the school board of Rock Springs, standing at all times in support of progressive measures which have to do with the upbuilding and development of the community in which he lives and of the commonwealth in general. He belongs to the Church of Latter-Day Saints and is first counsel to the bishop. His business record is characterized by continuous advancement owing to well defined plans carefully executed. His career has been marked by an orderly progression and each forward step has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities, which he has wisely utilized.

JOHN KOSHIR.

John Koshir, engaged in the dry goods business at Rock Springs, is a native of Austria. He was born on the 5th of January, 1869, and is a son of Michael and Agnes Koshir, who were likewise natives of that country, where they have spent their entire lives, the father being still engaged in farming there. In the family were five children.

John Koshir in his boyhood days attended the schools of Austria and for three years was in the Austrian army, rising to the rank of sergeant. He was then discharged, after which he remained for a year with his parents and on the expiration of that period came to the new world, attracted by the broader business opportunities which he believed he might secure on this side of the Atlantic. He located first at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in connection with railroad work and also in the mines. There he remained until 1898, in which year he removed to the west with Rock Springs as his destination. He arrived in Sweetwater county on the 27th of August of that year and secured employment in No. 1 mine, where he worked until July 5, 1904. In the meantime, however, ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to establish a dry goods store. He began with a very small stock of goods, which, however, he has increased in order to meet the growing demands of his trade and he today has a large and well appointed store. He began business in a room ten by twenty-five feet and today occupies a building fifty by one hundred and fifty feet, having a very complete stock of new merchandise, representing the latest output of the manufacturers. He also owns the building in which



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he conducts his business and in addition he is the owner of one of the most attractive modern residences of Rock Springs, erected at a cost of ten thousand dollars. His business methods have been most progressive and his enterprise and persistency of purpose have carried him steadily forward to the goal of success.

On the 13th of January, 1900, Mr. Koshir was united in marriage at Rock Springs to Miss Mary Zust. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, of which he is a staunch champion. In 1909 he was elected to the state legislature and was again chosen to represent his district in the general assembly in 1915. He has given careful consideration to the vital questions which have come up for settlement and his reelection to office is proof of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen and their recognition of his public spirit.

Mr. Koshir is numbered among the self-made men of Sweetwater county. He arrived in Rock Springs with a cash capital of but fifty cents and today he is one of the prosperous residents of the city, his success being indicated not only in his mercantile establishment but also by his investments in real estate, which are considerable. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion and he has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to America, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization he has advanced steadily, step by step, to the goal of success.

CLIFFORD C. SMITH.

Clifford C. Smith is manager for the Golden Rule Mercantile Company and in this connection is conducting one of the leading commercial enterprises of Evanston. His business is growing steadily as the result of well defined plans and purposes which are intelligently executed. He has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and he has therefore put forth earnest desire to please his customers, while at the same time he has been thoroughly reliable in all of his dealings.

He was born October 27, 1877, at Upper Jay, New York, a son of Henry G. and Elizabeth (Williams) Smith. The father, now deceased, was a native of Massachusetts and represented one of the families of that state of Scotch lineage. The founder of the family in the new world was Galushia Smith, who upon coming to America settled on Cape Cod. Later representatives of the name removed to New York when that section of the country was yet sparsely settled. Henry G. Smith became a successful merchant of Upper Jay, New York, where he was reared, educated and spent his entire life, passing away in 1909 at the age of fifty-four years. His political endorsement was staunchly given to the democratic party and he did everything in his power to promote its success and to uphold high civic standards. He was called upon to fill various public offices, the duties of which he discharged with marked promptness, capability and fidelity. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church and he was a devout Christian. His wife was born in the Empire state and was descended from one of its old families of Scotch lineage. One of the great-great-grandfathers of Clifford C. Smith was a Mohawk Indian chief. His wife had come to America in young girlhood and became the wife of the chief. Mrs. Smith, mother of Clifford C. Smith, is still living and now makes her home in Denver, Colorado. By her marriage she had a family of three children, namely: Clifford C.; H. Vernon, who is engaged in ranching in the Red River valley at Torrington, near Casper, Wyoming; and Caroline, who is with her mother in Denver.

Clifford C. Smith is indebted to the public schools of Plattsburg, New York, for the educational opportunities which were accorded him. He mastered the branches that constituted the curriculum, including work of the high school, and

then started out to earn his own living when a youth of fourteen years. He was first employed at clerical work along mercantile lines in his native city and afterward engaged in business on his own account as a dealer in dry goods, groceries and other lines, devoting his attention to the business at Upper Jay, New York, from 1906 until 1908 inclusive. He then disposed of his business on account of the ill health of his wife and removed to the west, hoping that a change of climate would prove beneficial. He located in Denver, Colorado, where he entered the employ of P. J. McEnery, a dealer in men's furnishings. He continued in that position for four and a half years and then resigned preparatory to removing to Wyoming, where he arrived on the 1st of December, 1913, taking up his abode in Evanston. He became connected with the Golden Rule Mercantile Company as a clerk and worked his way steadily upward, being advanced from one position to another of larger responsibility until he became manager and a member of the firm. He has thus directed its interests for the past three years and is today at the head of one of the leading mercantile enterprises of the west. The Golden Rule store is the expression of the spirit of western progress which has dominated the upbuilding of the country and the establishment is one of the best in the state. It is modern in every particular and a complete line of goods is carried, while something of the volume of trade is indicated in the fact that the company employs on an average fourteen sales people and occupies store space which on one floor is one hundred and twenty-five by fifty feet and on another floor two hundred and fifty-one by one hundred and twenty-five feet. The store faces on both Main and Front streets, extending from one thoroughfare to the other. The business has assumed gratifying proportions and the underlying feature of its present day success and prosperity is the enterprise, business judgment and ability of Mr. Smith.

On the 6th of June, 1902, Mr. Smith was married in Kingston, New York, to Miss Agnes Lahey, a native of the Empire state and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lahey, now deceased. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Clifford, who was born January 3, 1904, in the Empire state and died in February of the same year; and Madeline E., who was born at Upper Jay, New York, December 25, 1906.

The religious faith of the parents is that of the Methodist church, to the teachings of which they loyally adhere. Mr. Smith is a democrat in his political views and is a staunch advocate of the party but has always declined to become a candidate for office. He feels that the pursuits of private life are in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts and he has so concentrated his efforts and attention upon his interests that the business under his control has constantly developed and grown. He coordinates seemingly diverse interests into a harmonious and unified whole and he most readily discriminates between the essential and the nonessential in all business transactions. Today his establishment has almost doubled in size and in volume of trade since he assumed control and its growing success is the direct outcome of his labors.

GEORGE W. PATTERSON.

George W. Patterson, attorney at law and court stenographer for the second judicial district of Wyoming, has been a resident of Laramie for almost twenty years and has become most widely and favorably known during this period. He was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, July 21, 1880, an only son in the family of Arthur H. and Marion (Watrous) Patterson. His parents were early settlers of that section of Colorado. The father was one of the three landowners who donated the site for the Colorado State Agricultural School and his old homestead is now the site of the main building of that institution.

George W. Patterson was reared at Fort Collins and acquired his early education in the schools there. In August, 1899, he came to Laramie, where he

concluded his literary studies by attending the University of Wyoming for five years. He had taken a course in shorthand at the Colorado State Agricultural School, supplemented by additional instruction in stenography through correspondence schools as well as home study, so that when appointed court stenographer on the 1st of October, 1905, he was fully capable of filling the important position, in which he has since continued. He ranks today as one of the most competent and efficient men in his line in the state. He has always been a close student, possesses notable energy and laudable ambition and has thereby from time to time given his leisure to preparation for the practice of law. He pursued the course of the Blackstone Law School in Chicago and in April, 1918, was admitted to the bar.

On the 3d of October, 1906, in Laramie, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Reed, a daughter of W. H. Reed, at one time paleontologist of the University of Wyoming. Mrs. Patterson was graduated from the University of Wyoming in the class of 1904 and later successfully taught school, becoming principal of the schools at Meeteetse, Wyoming, while for a period she also taught in the schools of Cheyenne.

In politics Mr. Patterson is a staunch democrat and takes a keen interest in the success and growth of his party. He is a valued citizen of Laramie, with great faith in its future, and has whenever opportunity offered made investment in real estate and has built four attractive residences in this city, three of which he has sold. He has a host of friends here—friends who admire him greatly by reason of his cordial manner, his clean life, his uniform courtesy and his uprightness of character.

DAVID NIMMO.

David Nimmo, president of the Union Mercantile Association of Cheyenne, and thus actively connected with commercial interests of the city, spent the first twenty years of his life in Scotland, the land of crag and glen, of mountain peak and mountain lake, of lowland, heath and plain, of liberty, poetry and song, whose heroes and whose sons have honored Britain's flag on every field, from Waterloo, the Crimea and Lucknow to the Marne and Ypres.

Mr. Nimmo was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 19th of September, 1870, his parents being David and Mary (Baird) Nimmo. The father was a cattle dealer, devoting his life to that business, and both have now passed away, the mother's death having occurred in 1917. Their family numbered seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom David was the third in order of birth.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, David Nimmo profited by the instruction he received in the graded schools of Scotland and in the school of experience he also learned many valuable lessons. He continued in Scotland until about twenty years of age, when he bade adieu to friends and native country and crossed the Atlantic to the new world. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but made his way direct to Cheyenne and in connection with his brother, Alexander Nimmo, engaged in the meat business for a period of seventeen years, or until 1907. With the Hoffmans, ex-Governor Brooks and Richardson Brothers of Cheyenne he is interested in the Chihuahua Lumber Company of Mexico and, because of it, went to Mexico, where he remained for a short time. Afterward he returned to Cheyenne and purchased, in connection with others, the business conducted under the name of the Union Mercantile Association. He was elected president of the company, in which capacity he is still serving, and is now largely directing the interests and activities of the organization which, wisely and intelligently controlled, is bringing substantial success to the stockholders. Mr. Nimmo is also still interested with his brother in ranching, under



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the name of the Nimmo Live Stock Company; and together they have stock ranches on Horse creek and on Bear creek.

In August, 1894, was celebrated the marriage of David Nimmo and Miss Helen L. Kingham, a native of England. Their living children are Mary, Ethel, Helen, Thomas Bruce, Jean and John. Two sons, William and David, are deceased. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Nimmo votes with the republican party, has served as a member of the city council and is now one of the city commissioners. Thoroughly imbued with the American spirit, he puts forth every effort to advance the interests of the city and state with which his affairs are allied. By persistent effort in business he has pushed his way to the front and his record is creditable alike to the city and to the land of his adoption.

JAMES P. ROSENBERG.

James P. Rosenberg is actively identified with public interests in Lincoln county, filling the position of deputy county assessor and that of city clerk of Kemmerer. He is also well known in business circles as a representative of insurance interests.

He was born in Westchester, New York, January 17, 1859, and is a son of John and Eliza (Mattingly) Rosenberg, the former a native of Hamburg, Germany, while the latter was born in Windsor, England. They came to America as young people and settled in the state of New York, where the father engaged in educational work, conducting a boys' school at Westchester, New York, for some time. Later he removed to San Antonio, Texas, where he was in charge of St. Mary's College. He later became an Episcopalian minister and while acting as pastor of a church at Portland, Oregon, he was called to his final rest, his death occurring in 1889, when he was sixty-four years of age. He was a gentleman of liberal education and culture, with whom association meant expansion and elevation. During the period of the Civil war he had responded to the call of his adopted country for military aid and enlisted in a regiment of New York Volunteers, in which he was made assistant quartermaster, serving in that connection throughout the entire war. He long survived his wife, who passed away in the Empire state in 1865. In their family were four children: George, now living in Portland, Oregon; Ernest, who is located at Seattle, Washington; Fred, who died at Brenham, Texas; and James P., who was the second in order of birth.

Reared in an atmosphere of culture and refinement, well descended and well bred, James P. Rosenberg has made for himself a creditable position in connection with those activities which have occupied his attention during the period of his manhood. As a boy he was a pupil in his father's school in New York at Westchester and also attended the grammar school and the military school at Portland, Oregon. He then took up the study of engineering but did not complete his course in that direction. He afterward went to eastern Oregon on account of his health and while there he was employed in various lines of engineering work and at mining. He likewise engaged in teaching school for a time and afterward removed to Wyoming, where he spent a number of years as a cowboy in the employ of prominent cattlemen of the state. While thus engaged he drove cattle across the states of Idaho, Oregon and Wyoming and many times over the plains where the city of Kemmerer now stands. He took up his abode in Kemmerer to assume charge of one of the large coal mines of the place as superintendent and at length resigned his position in that connection to assume the duties of editor of the Kemmerer Camera, a weekly paper, which had a wide circulation. He continued to edit this paper until it changed hands, spending three years in editorial work. He was then elected justice of the peace and in addition to performing the duties of that office he opened and

conducted a real estate office, continuing successfully in that field for eighteen years. In 1915 he was appointed city clerk and in 1916 was elected to the office, which position he is now filling in connection with his duties along other lines. He is capable and resourceful and has proven his loyalty to the general welfare in several public offices. He served for the second term as deputy sheriff of Fremont county and has been deputy assessor of Lincoln county for one term. He was also water commissioner for a number of years and he has made a most excellent record by his marked fidelity to the general good. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day.

On the 20th of September, 1893, Mr. Rosenberg was united in marriage to Miss Annie E. Clifford, of Soda Springs, Idaho, who passed away in August, 1914. She was of English lineage, her parents having been born in England. By that marriage there were six children. Clifford, born in Soda Springs, Idaho, in 1894, attended the public schools of Kemmerer and is now working in that city. Bert, born in Soda Springs in 1895, is now with the United States Army as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Machine Gun Battalion, at Camp Mills. Jessie E., born at Soda Springs in 1897, attended high school and is now at home. LeRoy, born at Soda Springs, November 11, 1898, is also at Camp Mills as a member of Company A and is acting clerk to the major of his regiment. He was formerly deputy clerk of the court and assistant editor of the Kemmerer Camera. Ralph, born in 1903, is a sophomore in high school. William, born in 1908, is a pupil in the graded schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberg hold membership in the Episcopal church and socially are prominent in the community where they make their home. Mr. Rosenberg was formerly identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he now has membership with the Woodmen of the World. He is a self-made man who has worked his way upward entirely on his own account. He drove cattle through the states of Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming in 1877 and 1878 and saw some very exciting times. He has lived to witness remarkable changes as the work of progress and civilization has been carried forward and he stands today with those who have been most active and helpful in bringing about the changes leading to modern day progress, improvement and prosperity.

MRS. ZELA M. MURPHY.

Mrs. Zela M. Murphy, of Basin, is filling the position of county clerk in Bighorn county and her systematic work and efficiency have made her a most valuable incumbent in the office. Mrs. Murphy is a native of Sedalia, Missouri, and a daughter of Harlow A. and Maria L. (Linnabary) Longshore, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. In 1876 they removed westward to Missouri, where they lived for a year and later took up their abode in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The father was a ship contractor and died at Jacksonville, Florida, in the year 1896. The mother survived him for a long period and passed away on the 14th of March, 1917. In their family were three children. Mrs. Zela M. Murphy, however, is today the only surviving member of the family.

She was reared and educated in Paris, Illinois, where she attended the common schools, and later she had the benefit of instruction in a Chattanooga academy in Tennessee. In 1900 she came to Bighorn county, Wyoming, where she devoted her attention to the profession of teaching for one term. In 1901 she gave her hand in marriage to William W. Murphy, a native of Harrison county, Iowa, who had removed to Wyoming in 1898 and settled on a ranch near Lovell. Later he engaged in the insurance and real estate business at Lovell and eventually removed to Basin, where he is still engaged in the same line of business.

It was in the year 1909 that Mrs. Murphy was elected county treasurer of Bighorn county and occupied that position for two terms. In 1914 she was elected county clerk, so that for a number of years she has been continuously in public office. Prior to her official service she acted as assistant cashier in a bank at Lovell for four years. She is a member of the Woman's Club of Wyoming, also has membership with the Royal Neighbors and Mr. Murphy is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. They are widely and favorably known in Basin, where the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them. Mrs. Murphy's official record is indeed creditable and enviable, as is indicated by the fact that she has four times been chosen to public office here.

REV. JOHN F. MORETON.

Rev. John F. Moreton, pastor of St. Mary Magdalen's Roman Catholic church at Evanston, is a native of Rhode Island. He was born on the 6th of June, 1889, in Warren, that state, a son of William and Rose A. (Burke) Moreton. The father is a native of Wales and about 1880 came to America. He is now residing in Providence, Rhode Island, and has devoted his life to the business of a silversmith. His wife is a native of England and to them were born eleven children, five sons and six daughters, of whom nine are yet living.

Rev. John F. Moreton was the fourth in order of birth in that family. He acquired his early education in the public schools of Providence, Rhode Island, and afterward attended the Christian Brothers College at Providence, Rhode Island, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908. He later spent one year in La Salle Academy, where he engaged in post-graduate work, and having qualified for the priesthood, he entered St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1909 and continued with his studies until November, 1914. His ordination services were conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop P. A. McGovern.

His first assignment was that of assistant pastor in the cathedral and his first pastorate was at Evanston, where he took up his duties in January, 1915. Since that time he has been in active and continuous service at Evanston and he also conducts a mission at Fort Bridger. He has done excellent work since arriving in Wyoming and the different lines of church activity are well organized. Father Moreton has a brother, Joseph Moreton, who is now studying for the priesthood, and his sister Rose has taken the vows and is known as Sister Romanus of the Order of Mercy. She is located in Providence. The parents are devout members of the Catholic church and reared their family in the faith, to which all have closely adhered.

FRED E. PLACE.

Fred E. Place was reared and educated in the Pine Tree state and when a young man he left New England for the west. He came to Wyoming when it was a territory, and worked as a cowboy on the range and later settled on Bates creek, where he took up a claim and engaged in the live stock business on his own account, devoting his attention to that pursuit until 1903, when he took up his abode in Casper. He then concentrated his attention upon surveying and in 1910 was elected to the position of clerk of the district court which office he continued to fill until 1917, when he resigned.

In his political views Mr. Place has always been a stalwart republican and has exerted considerable influence over political thought and action. He was one of the first county commissioners of Natrona county, serving in that office for one term, and as clerk and as commissioner he made a most creditable record for devotion to the general good. Fraternally he is well known as a



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Mason, belonging to Casper Lodge, No. 15, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and of the Order of the Eastern Star. He likewise has membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Woodmen of the World.

There is no phase of pioneer life in this section of Wyoming with which he is not familiar. He has lived here since this district was largely an open range and the cowboy was a picturesque figure as he rode over the country after stray herds of cattle. He has lived to see remarkable changes as the years have gone on and has borne his part in the work of general improvement and advancement.

ERNEST SUNDIN.

Ernest Sundin is one of the business men of Rawlins who has had a remarkable rise, advancing step by step from a humble environment to a place among the prosperous and prominent ranchers of the state. He is also the owner of the Depot Garage in Rawlins.

He was born in Sweden, May 1, 1863, a son of John and Josephine Sundin, who are also natives of that country and there have spent their lives, the father engaging in merchandising at Oscarheim. He is still residing there, but his wife passed away in 1902 at the age of seventy-eight years. In their family were ten children.

Ernest Sundin, who was the tenth in order of birth in that family, attended the schools of Sweden and later assisted his father in the conduct of mercantile interests, but favorable reports reached him from time to time concerning the opportunities of the new world and awakened in him a desire to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. Accordingly in 1881 he severed home ties and sailed from his native land for America, taking up his abode in Illinois near Chicago. He was there employed for a year at farm labor and in 1882 made his way westward to Denver, where he worked for three years, accepting any employment that would yield him an honest living and enable him to gain a start. In 1885 he arrived in Rawlins, then a western frontier city, giving little promise of what the future held in store. He opened a barber shop, which he conducted successfully for a number of years, and with his accumulated savings at length purchased a sheep ranch. He then disposed of his barber shop in order to concentrate his attention upon the sheep industry. His ranch is located in Carbon county and from the start he has made a success of this venture. His flocks have increased until he is now one of the most prominent sheep men of this state and the present high price of wool makes his a most profitable business. He is also connected with a number of commercial enterprises in Rawlins and his cooperation is eagerly welcomed because of his well known business judgment and keen sagacity. He established his garage in 1914 and, like his other ventures, this has proven very profitable. He is also a director in the Stock Growers National Bank of Rawlins and is a director and stockholder of the Ferris Hotel Company.

In April, 1886, Mr. Sundin was married to Miss Margaret Myre, of Laramie, and they have two children: LeRoy, born in Rawlins in 1887; and Clifford, born in 1892. Both sons are high school graduates and the elder is now assistant cashier of the Stock Growers National Bank of Rawlins, while the younger son is in business with his father. The former married Miss Rena Measure, of Rawlins, and they have one child, Ralph. Clifford Sundin wedded Miss Ruth Clemmons, of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Sundin is well known as a prominent Mason and as a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is always loyal to the teachings of the craft and the purposes which underlie the organization. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republi-

can party, which he has supported since he received the right of franchise. He served as justice of the peace for a number of years and was chairman of the board of county commissioners for several years. He is loyal and progressive in all matters of citizenship and while his business affairs have constantly grown and developed he has ever found time to aid in measures and movements for the general good.

HANS LARSEN.

A record of continuous advancement and successful achievement is that of Hans Larsen, who is well known as a lumber dealer and as a contractor and builder of Rawlins. He was born May 19, 1867, in Jetsmark, Denmark, a son of the late Lars Christian Swenson, who was also a native of Denmark, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active life. He passed away in 1908 at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife died in Jetsmark in 1884 at the age of fifty years. They were the parents of two children, the daughter Marie being still a resident of Denmark.

Hans Larsen was the other member of the family and was educated in the public schools of Jetsmark to the age of fourteen years, when his textbooks were put aside and he began to earn his own livelihood. He was first apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, serving a four years' term of indenture, after which he followed the trade for several years in his native country. He then emigrated to the new world, crossing the Atlantic in 1887, and making his way to Nebraska City, Nebraska, ere he terminated his journey. There he engaged on section work on the Burlington & Missouri Railroad, working at the time the company built its first bridge across the Missouri river at Nebraska City. He was employed on the construction of the bridge and continued to work for the railroad company for eighteen months. He then went to Nysted, Nebraska, and there attended school for one winter's term, thus completing his education. He afterward removed to Rawlins, where he arrived in April, 1889, being at the time a comparative stranger. On his arrival he took up carpentering, which he followed as a journeyman for two years, and then entered the contracting business on his own account. He has since been active along that line and many important contracts have been awarded him, so that he has been closely associated with building operations in Rawlins. He is today the leading contractor of this section of the state, having a very extensive patronage. He erected the Elks' building in Rawlins and was a subcontractor on the high school building, on which he did all of the stone and cement work. He furnished the stone for building the postoffice at Cheyenne, the Ogden (Utah) postoffice and other important structures of the state. The stone material which he used has been supplied from quarries which Mr. Larsen owns and which are located in Carbon county, close to the city. There is no phase of building operations with which he is not familiar and his activities along that line have been of an important character. He likewise conducts a hardware store and lumberyard and in the latter is found every kind of building material, his business by reason of its volume and importance making him the leading dealer in that line in his section of the state.

Mr. Larsen was married in Rawlins, Wyoming, to Miss Mary Schmidt, a native of Germany, who came from Schleswig-Holstein, which was at one time under Danish government. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Larsen: Louis Christian, trained at American Lake, Washington, training camp, for active military duty and now in France, a member of the Twentieth Engineers of Forestry; Katherina, who is the wife of C. L. Haynes, a resident of Rawlins; Lorenze Peter, who is a carpenter and works with his father in Rawlins; Henry Schmidt, who is attending the Rawlins high school; John William, also attending high school; and Elsie Marie, who is still in the public schools. The eldest



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son spent three years in the University of Wyoming, leaving in the senior year for military duties.

Politically Mr. Larsen is a democrat and served for one term as mayor of Rawlins, while for six years he occupied the position of city trustee. He was twice a candidate for the state legislature. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks, the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. He came to America on borrowed capital, a poor boy, and today he is one of the substantial and progressive men of Carbon county, respected by all, not alone because of what he has achieved, but also by reason of the straightforward business principles which he has ever followed in his undertakings.

HON. JOHN C. FRIEND.

The fortunes of war brought Judge John C. Friend to Wyoming and choice has continued him as a resident of this state. Having enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of an Ohio regiment, his command was ordered to the western frontier and he became so interested in this section of the country that he decided to remain and has since been one of the honored settlers of Wyoming. He is acquainted with every phase of pioneer life in this part of the country and has lived to see the remarkable changes which have occurred as the years have passed on. In fact, he has borne his full share in the work of general progress and development and is today one of the honored and valued citizens of Rawlins, where he is serving as justice of the peace and as notary public and is also engaged in the conduct of an insurance agency.

He was born in Chandlerville, Cass county, Illinois, July 16, 1847, and is a son of Ezekiel Friend, a native of Pennsylvania. The founder of the American branch of the family was John Friend, who came from Prussia in 1790 and settled in the Keystone state, taking up his abode at Germantown, near Philadelphia. He was a baker by trade and after coming to the new world followed merchandising. In 1830 he migrated westward with his family, taking up his abode in Cass county, Illinois, and later he became a resident of Mason county, Illinois, where he followed farming until his demise, which occurred in 1860, when he was between seventy-five and eighty years of age.

Ezekiel Friend was reared and educated in Philadelphia and took up the profession of medicine as a life work, preparing for active practice as a student in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated on completing a course in the medical department. He then accompanied his parents to Illinois, where he entered upon the practice of medicine and surgery and also devoted a portion of his time to farming. He remained in Mason county from 1854 to the time of his death, his life's labors being ended in 1892, when he was seventy-eight years of age, his birth having occurred in 1814. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Elizabeth Rhea and was a native of Kentucky. She was descended from a family of Scotch descent that was represented in Virginia and in Kentucky from early pioneer times. The death of Mrs. Friend occurred in Illinois in 1849 at the birth of the younger of her two children.

Judge Friend of this review, the only surviving member of the family, spent his youthful days upon the old home farm in Illinois to the age of sixteen years, when he started out to provide for his own support, but any personal ambition that he may have had was put aside, for the country needed his services and his patriotic spirit was aroused. He was a youth of but sixteen years when on the 3d of August, 1863, he enlisted at Benton Barracks as a member of Company G, Eleventh Ohio Cavalry, with which he served for three years. His regiment was sent to the west and he participated in the battle of Platte Bridge, Wyoming, on the 24th of July, 1865. With his company he was then sent to Fort Laramie in September, 1865. Before this in the summer of 1864 he was

stationed at Deer Creek and also at Platte Bridge. The command was also stationed for a time at Sweetwater Bridge and at other points in the state in order to suppress the uprisings of the Indians. During this period Judge Friend participated in a number of engagements with the Indians but was never wounded. After leaving the army he continued in the west learning the vocation of a telegrapher, and was first stationed for telegraph duty at Deer Creek, Wyoming. He was later at Horseshoe and arrived at the former place on the 6th of August, 1866, and was there when the ranch and buildings were destroyed by the Indians. In the following winter he went to Horseshoe and he continued in the telegraph service for ten years. Subsequently he settled at Big Laramie, where he spent the winter of 1867, and was at Sherman in 1868. He then went east, but in 1869 returned to Rawlins, where he continued in telegraph work, taking charge of the Rawlins office in 1870 and continuing in that capacity for two years. Later in connection with others, he opened the Rawlins paint mines, shipping the ore to Salt Lake. He was associated with W. M. Masi, John C. Dyer, Harry Roach, P. T. Devald and others, who were the original locators of their placer mining claim. In this business they were quite successful and Mr. Friend was identified with mining interests for a number of years, or until railroad freight rates became so exorbitant that the owners of the mine and others incorporated the Rawlins Metallic Paint Company and the product of the mine was then manufactured into mineral paints. In 1874 Judge Friend sold one carload of paint to Sidney Dillon, president of the Union Pacific Railway Company, which was shipped to the east, and was the first used on Brooklyn bridge. The business was carried on for a number of years but eventually the plant was destroyed by fire. Judge Friend conducted his mining claim until 1882, when he sold the property to the Union Pacific Railway Company that has since further developed it. Later he entered the field of journalism and was a partner of W. T. Shaffer in the establishment and publication of the first paper in Carbon county in 1878, called the Carbon County News, Judge Friend remaining active in the conduct of the paper for a short period.

In public affairs Judge Friend has long figured prominently. He served in the second, third and fifth territorial legislatures of Wyoming, first representing Carbon county in the house in 1871. He represented Carbon and Sweetwater counties in the council in 1873 and again represented Carbon county in the house in 1877. He has also filled the office of deputy county clerk and deputy county treasurer, acting in those capacities for many years. He has been a most earnest and staunch supporter of the democratic party, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. In November, 1879, he purchased the Carbon County Journal, of which he was editor and manager, conducting that paper until September, 1892. The following year he went to Casper, where he was manager and editor of the Derrick for three months, and from 1897 until 1903 he was employed in the shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. At the latter date he was chosen for the office of city marshal at Rawlins and continued to act in that capacity until 1907. In 1908 he was elected justice of the peace and with the exception of two years spent in travel he has since served as presiding judge over the justice court, in which he has rendered decisions strictly fair and impartial, "winning him golden opinions from all sorts of people." He has also engaged in the insurance business since 1912 and writes a considerable amount of insurance each year, thus adding materially to his income.

On the 7th of August, 1882, in Evanston, Wyoming, Judge Friend was united in marriage to Miss Leah Welch, a native of Ogden, Utah, and a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Newey) Welch, who were of a pioneer family of Utah. Mrs. Friend passed away in Rawlins, February 4, 1894, at the age of thirty-three years. By her marriage she had become the mother of five children, four of whom are living. The eldest, Claude Edward, who was born in Rawlins, passed away in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was then residing. The others are: Margaret Elizabeth, the wife of J. H. Jacobucci, manager of the Rawlins

electric light plant and a dealer in automobile supplies; Mabel Grace, the wife of Harley Williams, an automobile dealer residing at Big Timber, Montana; Fred Cleveland, who is connected with the Union Pacific at Rawlins; and James Eugene, who is general foreman for the Texas & Pacific Railroad and resides at Baird, Texas.

Fraternally Judge Friend is connected with Custer Post, No. 1, G. A. R., at Laramie, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, being for many years the representative of the local lodge in the grand lodge. As an honored veteran of the Civil war, he is widely known and even more widely as one of the pioneers of Wyoming. For fifty-five years he has resided in this state. It seemed that the work of progress and development had scarcely been begun at the time of his arrival. In fact, he came to subdue the Indians, who were a menace to all life and property on the western frontier at that time. He has witnessed all of the changes which have occurred and the work that has been done toward reclaiming this region for purposes of civilization. A marked transformation has been wrought and in the development of the county Judge Friend has taken an active and helpful part. Those who know him esteem him highly and he has a very extensive circle of friends. No history of Wyoming would be complete without reference to him because of the important part which he has played in promoting the development and upbuilding of Wyoming.

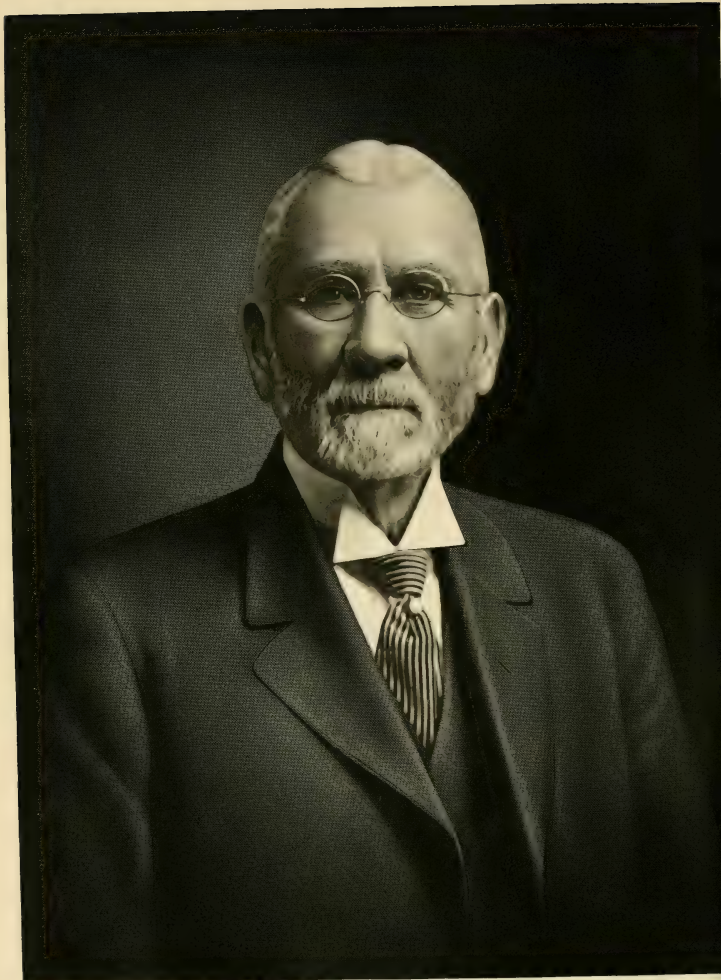
EDWARD IVINSON.

The history of Wyoming or that of any state is the record of the lives of those people whose activities have had to do with its upbuilding and development. Judged by this standard, there are few, if any, men living in Wyoming today whose life record constitutes a more important chapter on the pages of Wyoming's history than does that of Edward Ivinson, pioneer banker, philanthropist and a most honored and beloved resident of Laramie.

He was born on the St. Croix River Estate, West Indies, September 20, 1830, his parents being Thomas J. and Sarah (Hewiston) Ivinson. The father was born in Cumrew, England, and from there went to the West Indies, where he became a well known sugar planter, spending his remaining days in that group of islands, his death there occurring in 1850, when he had reached the age of sixty-six years.

Edward Ivinson was educated in England at Craft-House Academy, Brompton, and on entering upon his business career there served an apprenticeship at the dry goods trade. He came to America when a young man and in New York city was in the employ of Lord & Taylor, well known importers and merchants in the wholesale and retail dry goods trade. After a few years in New York, Mr. Ivinson removed to the west, settling in Evansville, Indiana, where for some time he was paymaster for the Evansville & Crawfordsville Railroad. It was while acting in that capacity that he was presented on the 3d of November, 1857, with a handsome solid gold watch and chain by the employes of the road. He treasures this timepiece highly, even though it is more than sixty years since it was presented to him, and while it is of considerable intrinsic worth, its value as a matter of sentiment would be difficult to estimate.

Previous to locating in Wyoming, Mr. Ivinson was for a time connected with mercantile interests and also with the cotton trade in Memphis, Tennessee. Subsequently he became interested in the business of contracting for supplies for camps along the Union Pacific line, which was then building. In 1867 he went to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in February, 1868, arrived in Laramie, at which time trains were not yet in operation for passengers. Mr. Ivinson erected a store building on the lot adjoining what is now the Albany County Bank on Second street, and soon afterward offered a general line of merchandise to the shifting population of a "thirty-day town," as most of the towns springing up



Edward Johnson

In his eightysixth year



Jane Winsen

at that time were then called. In addition to merchandising he was engaged in the tie business, furnishing ties for the Union Pacific Railroad. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion, for in his vocabulary there was no such word as fail. Mr. Ivinson disposed of his mercantile interests and in 1871 established the first private bank in Laramie, which he conducted two years. This he later merged into the Wyoming National Bank, in which he was the prime mover and became the sole proprietor. In later years, when the Wyoming National was absorbed by the First National Bank, Mr. Ivinson was one of the heavy holders in the latter institution and its president for a number of years. In fact, under his careful and able management it became one of the foremost financial institutions in the state. Mr. Ivinson was for eighteen years president of the Merchants National Bank of San Diego, California, in which city he was extensively interested along business lines, maintaining a winter residence there for a number of years. Since 1916 he has retired from active business to the extent that retirement is possible for one of his wonderful activity and extensive private interests.

On the 21st of April, 1854, in Jersey City, New Jersey, Mr. Ivinson was united in marriage to Miss Jane Wood, a native of West Riding, Yorkshire, England. This happy event in his life contributed largely to his success, as he was most fortunate in his selection of a wife. Theirs was largely an ideal companionship. Whatever was of interest to one was of vital importance to the other. Their plans and purposes relative to everything that came into their lives were freely discussed and they worked together for the accomplishment of given ends, the sound judgment and keen insight of Mrs. Ivinson often supplementing and rounding out the business experience of her husband. Thus as the years passed on their mutual love and confidence increased as they shared together in the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which checker the careers of all. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on the 21st of April, 1904, when at Maennerchor Hall they held a reception for their friends, and later a banquet was served in the Union Pacific Hotel. This was a most important social event in the life of the city, and the high esteem in which they were held is shown by the large number of people who were present on that occasion. On the 21st of April, 1914, their sixtieth wedding anniversary was celebrated, when more than two hundred and fifty citizens of Laramie and the state called to pay their respects and express their happy felicitations to this worthy couple, who for six decades had traveled life's journey as man and wife, gathering all that was best and noblest from their experiences and shedding around them much of life's sunshine. Mrs. Ivinson had come to Laramie in May, 1868, a few months after her husband, and was a passenger on the first regular passenger train into the city. She was a woman of great force of character and strong individuality. From the first she assisted in the work of the church in Laramie, in the organization of the first Sunday school and in the first lodge among women, having become a charter member of the Rebekah Lodge of Laramie. Her philanthropies were broad, her benevolences many and yet so unostentatious was her giving that many times only she and the recipient knew of the kind act. She was always prominent in the charity work of the community and had her part in every movement that had for its object the uplift of her fellowmen and the upbuilding of the city. When death called her on the 9th of November, 1915, one of the local papers said editorially: "The death of Mrs. Edward Ivinson on Tuesday has caused sorrow all over the city and county. Few persons have more closely associated their lives with the intimate life of the community than have she and her husband. They came when the city was so new that there was not a wooden building here, and with the exception of brief intervals they have made their abiding place here. It can be truthfully said of both that they brought their whole lives into the midst of the living here and long ago became a part and parcel of the great throbbing heart of the city. Mrs. Ivinson will be sadly missed. Her cheery smile, her kindly word of greeting, her indomitable spirit of having a prominent part in every undertaking that

made for the betterment of the community, her desire to alleviate suffering, and above all, her disposition to see that the city was properly regarded by the transient visitor, have made her a woman that can ill be spared at this time. Her individuality asserted itself on many occasions. Nothing was ever started that would tend to help in the social, religious, intellectual and economic forwarding of the people toward a higher goal that she was not interested in, and if she was not personally associated with the movement, her aid, her counsel and her purse were often at the call of those who were. Mr. Ivinson has filled an important place in the city's growth and everybody who respected and revered his wife is extending to him the wish that his life may be spared many years. To the members of the family the community owes a certain debt of gratitude and there is not one of us who will not wish for the bereaved husband and daughter every good gift within the power of the Most High to bestow. As the community will miss the wife and mother, so will it bestow upon those left behind the benisons of well wishes and earnest prayer for their guidance and comfort." Only those who have suffered such bereavement could understand the loss to Mr. Ivinson, so closely was his life and that of his wife intertwined in their interests, their activities and their ideals. Her splendid counsel, sound advice and inspiration were of great help to her husband. They were perfectly at one in their plans for philanthropy and as a memorial to his wife he erected the Ivinson Hospital in Laramie, making it one of the leading institutions of the kind in the state.

He has been prominently identified with philanthropic work, has been treasurer of the State Union and very active in church work. He erected the tower on St. Matthew's Episcopal church of Laramie and installed therein the chimes and clock. According to the terms of his will, his beautiful residence in Laramie will be given to the state as an old ladies' home upon his death. His improvements upon the Episcopal cathedral alone have cost thirty-five thousand dollars. He has given most generously to aid the needy aside from his splendid benefactions to the Old Ladies' Home and the Ivinson Hospital and is continually extending a helping hand to those who need assistance or encouragement. This is done not from any sense of duty but from the keenest interest in the welfare of his fellowmen. No man more fully recognizes the teaching of the brotherhood of man and throughout his entire life, although his business interests and cares have been many, he has ever found time to go about doing good. Various other interests have profited by the efforts, energy and co-operation of Mr. Ivinson, who has been a member of the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming since it was created and who was the first treasurer of the university, in the affairs of which he has ever taken a most active and helpful part.

Mr. Ivinson was an early member of Laramie Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., and has filled all the offices in that lodge. In the church, too, he was called to official position, serving for many years as senior warden in St. Matthew's Episcopal church. His association with Laramie dates from its earliest inception and covers connection with almost every enterprise of importance to the city, whether commercial, religious or social. He has always been prominent in affairs of the state, though not as a politician or seeking such reward, but as a business man and citizen. At any time that he has become active in political affairs it was been at the request of his friends. While never holding important office, his advice has been sought by those who have, and he has had not a little to do with shaping that activity which resulted in separating from what was then Dakota the territory of Wyoming and which has led in time to the development of the state, admitted to the Union in 1890. For more than half a century he has also been a well known figure in the financial circles of Wyoming and thus his life along many lines has been of great worth to the community.

In his eighty-eighth year, hale and vigorous, with a keen appreciation for a fishing or hunting excursion, in which it has been his custom for many years to indulge with success that bespeaks skill in both, Mr. Ivinson yet spends many pleasant hours in the pursuit of those things which are of interest to him. His

has been notably the career of a successful man. He overcame difficulties and obstacles by unflinching perseverance and unabating energy and step by step he advanced until he attained a position of wealth. The most envious could not grudge him his success, so worthily was it won and so honorably has it been used. While his success in a business way should encourage others, showing what may be accomplished through individual effort, as he started out in life empty-handed, his high sense of personal honor, his integrity and fidelity to obligations to others should serve also as an inspiration to his fellowmen. The world is better for his having lived and the love which is entertained for him throughout Wyoming is but the logical result of his upright life and his brotherly spirit.

MATT MUIR.

For more than a third of a century Matt Muir has been a resident of Wyoming. He is now living retired at Rock Springs, enjoying the success which has come to him as the merited reward of his labors and judicious investments. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to his life history, since his mind bears the impress of the historic annals of the state from the early pioneer days, and, from the fact that he has ever been a loyal son of the republic and has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the thriving little city in which he has so long made his home. Thirty-seven years have passed since he arrived in Wyoming and cast in his lot with its pioneers. People of the present period can scarcely realize the struggles and dangers which attended the early settlers, the heroism and self-sacrifice of lives passed upon the borders of civilization, the hardships endured, the difficulties overcome. These tales of the early days read almost like a romance to those who have known only modern prosperity and conveniences. To the pioneer of the early days, far removed from the privileges and conveniences of the older east, the struggle for existence was often a stern and hard one and these men and women must have possessed indomitable energy and sterling worth of character as well as marked physical courage when they thus voluntarily selected such a life and successfully fought the battles under such circumstances as prevailed in the west. Mr. Muir was long connected with the development of the coal resources of the state and his activities along that line eventually brought to him the success which enabled him to live retired and yet enjoy all the comforts and conveniences that go to make life worth the living.

He was born in Allegany county, Maryland, April 15, 1856, and is a son of John and Mary (Craig) Muir, who were natives of Scotland. They came to America in the early '50s, settling in Pennsylvania. The voyage to the new world was made on one of the old-time sailing vessels and later they became residents of Allegany county, Maryland, where the father engaged in coal mining, spending his last days in that locality, where he passed away after a residence there of forty-nine years. His wife also died in the same county in March, 1915, at the notable old age of ninety-six years. In their family were nine children, of whom Matt Muir was the fifth in order of birth. His brothers and sisters who are still living are: Mrs. Jennie Bradburn and William Muir, both of whom are residing in Allegany county, Maryland; Mrs. H. H. Atkinson, also living in that county; and Robert and David, both of whom reside in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

In his boyhood Matt Muir attended the country schools of his native county and after his textbooks were put aside worked in the coal mines of Maryland and was thus employed until he left home at the age of twenty years. He made his way direct to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and for several years was employed on the ranch of Carl Lefler. He was afterward in the employ of Rose Brothers, ranchmen of Cheyenne, and still later went to Carbon county, where he worked in the coal mines. He was also engaged in coal mining in Rock Springs and his time was thus passed until 1878. In 1879 he went to Leadville, Colorado, where

he was employed until 1880, when he returned to Rock Springs and again took up the work of mining coal here. He opened up and operated several fine coal mines, his activities constituting an important factor in the development of the natural resources of the state in this connection. He then sold out to the Union Pacific & Central Coal & Coke Company. For twenty-five years he had been a factor in the coal trade and his spirit of enterprise had been a valuable element in the work of improvement in the coal fields. During the early period of his residence in Sweetwater county Mr. Muir resided a few miles from the town of Rock Springs and many times he could have killed elk and antelope from his doorway—a fact indicative of the unsettled condition of the country. He has lived to witness many changes as the work of progress and improvement has been carried steadily forward. He is now living retired, having recently sold out his last coal mine.

On the 22d of September, 1881, Mr. Muir was married to Miss Christina Shea, a daughter of Peter and Katherine (Gehan) Shea, representatives of a well known family of Maryland. Mr. Shea was a railroad conductor at an early day and laid some of the first rails on the line of railroad built to Baltimore, Maryland. To Mr. and Mrs. Muir were born nine children, three of whom have passed away: Effie, who died at Rock Springs at the age of seventeen years; Ike, who died in 1908 at the age of nineteen years; and Mrs. Nellie Harris, who died in 1913, leaving two children, Mattie Muir and Christina Muir, both of whom were born in Rock Springs. The other members of the Muir family are: Carrie, who was born at Rock Springs in January, 1883, and is now the wife of William Reid, a resident of Ogden, Utah; John, who was born in Rock Springs in 1884; Peter, born July 4, 1887, and now married to Emma Wiggins, by whom he has one child, Peter Muir, Jr.; Mrs. Mary Craig Rossen, who was born in Rock Springs in 1889; Matt, Jr., born in Rock Springs in January, 1894, and who married Miss Emily Lundgren, of Laramie, by whom he has one child, Robert Matthew, born in Laramie in November, 1917; and Christina, who was born in Rock Springs in 1899 and is attending school.

Mr. Muir belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Loyal Order of Moose. He has been called upon to serve in several local offices, filling the position of county assessor, to which he was first elected in 1890, and afterward was reelected. He has also been water commissioner. His activities have long been a factor in the development and progress of his section of the state. He was among the few courageous frontiersmen who dared to locate within the borders of Wyoming while the work of progress and improvement yet remained in the future and when there was little promise of early development. In the years which have since followed he has not only witnessed a most wonderful transformation but has largely aided in the labors that have changed this section from a wild tract of land into a splendid commonwealth. He is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest which is the merited reward of a long and honorable business career.

HARRY JOSEPH DEVINE.

Harry Joseph Devine, devoting his attention to the practice of law in Douglas, with a large clientage that has connected him with much important litigation heard in the courts of his district, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 6th of April, 1886, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Higgins) Devine. The mother is now deceased, but the father survives. In their family were three sons and a daughter, Harry J. being the youngest child.

After mastering the elementary branches of learning he continued his studies in the preparatory department of Marquette College at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and won the Bachelor of Science degree upon graduation from Marquette College. He then entered upon the study of law at Georgetown University in



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Washington, D. C., and was graduated with the class of 1909. Having thus qualified for the practice of law, he entered upon the active work of the profession in connection with the firm of Quarles, Spence & Quarles at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, doing investigation work for them for two and a half years and thus gaining broad and valuable experience in connection with a firm that ranks very high at the Wisconsin bar. In 1913 he arrived in Douglas after a year's residence at Glenrock, Wyoming. He has now made his home at Douglas for about five years and within that period has become well established as an able attorney, his success resulting from the efficiency which he has displayed in handling his cases and in meeting the attacks of the opposing counsel. He is also the owner of the Record, Abstract & Title Company.

On the 29th of August, 1916, Mr. Devine was united in marriage to Miss Anna Elizabeth Wallace and they have a son, Harry Joseph, Jr. The religious faith of the parents is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Devine is connected with the Knights of Columbus, in which he has taken the third degree. He is fond of outdoor life and is much interested in the national game of baseball. In politics he is a republican and is thoroughly conversant with the leading questions and issues of the day, recognizing at all times the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. He is a trustee and the secretary of the high school board and is a stalwart champion of the cause of public education. In fact, he stands for all that has to do with progress and improvement along the lines which work for the benefit of the individual and the community at large, and in all public connections he is actuated by a marked devotion to the general good.

T. BLAKE KENNEDY.

T. Blake Kennedy, of the firm of Matson & Kennedy, long active and prominent members of the Cheyenne bar, was born in Commerce, Oakland county, Michigan, on the 4th of April, 1874, a son of Thomas B. and Mary (Blake) Kennedy, both of whom have now passed away. He was the youngest child in a family of five sons and three daughters.

In the public schools he began his education, which was continued in a college course at Franklin College of New Athens, Ohio, where he won the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then went east to Syracuse, New York, for the study of law and was graduated with the class of 1897. He located for practice in Syracuse, entering into partnership with one of his classmates, R. N. Matson, organizing the firm of Matson & Kennedy, which relation has been continued to the present time save for a brief period when Judge Matson was upon the bench. They remained in Syracuse from 1898 until 1901 and then sought the opportunities of the growing west, becoming residents of Cheyenne. The record of the firm is certainly unique. From the beginning of their law practice they have been associates, their interests having always been closely allied. They are now largely specializing in oil litigation and for this purpose maintain an office in Casper. They are especially well qualified for corporation practice and their business in this direction is extensive and important. For a period of ten years Mr. Kennedy was referee in bankruptcy for the state of Wyoming, serving in that important position from 1903 to 1913.

On the 8th of February, 1906, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Anna H. Lyons. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Cheyenne Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and he is also grand master of the grand lodge at the present time. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has crossed the sands of the desert with the nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Elks lodge he is a past exalted ruler and he is identified with the Order of the Eastern Star and with the Woodmen of the World.

His membership relations likewise extend to the Industrial Club. He is fond of outdoor sports and particularly of golf.

His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served his party in the capacity of a county chairman, and as secretary and vice chairman of the state central committee, but he has never sought or held political office. His attention on the whole has been given to his professional interests, which have constantly developed in volume and importance. Few lawyers have made a more lasting impression upon the bar of the state, both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community. His colleagues and contemporaries manifest the highest consideration for him as a colleague owing to his integrity, dignity, impartiality and the strong common sense which has marked his character both as a lawyer and as a man.

FRED C. SHUMAKER.

Fred C. Shumaker is a partner in the firm of Shumaker & Markley, agents for the Ford cars at Laramie. He was born in Fullerton, Nebraska, April 1, 1885, a son of A. M. and Josephine (Newman) Shumaker. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and in early life removed westward to Nebraska, settling in Fullerton, which was then a frontier town. There he engaged in the cattle business and afterward in merchandising, becoming one of the representative and progressive business men of that locality. During the period of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and in response to the country's call for troops went to the front, serving in defense of the Union throughout the entire period of the war and throughout his entire life he manifested the same spirit of loyalty to his country that he displayed when he followed the stars and stripes on southern battlefields. He died in 1909 and his widow is still living in Fremont, Nebraska. They were the parents of four children, of whom Fred C. is the eldest. The others are: Floyd N., who is now a captain of the Royal Flying Corps of London, England; E. C., who is a well known banker of Mead, Nebraska; and Josephine, who is living in Fremont, Nebraska.

In his boyhood days Fred C. Shumaker attended the schools of his native city and continued his education at the University of Nebraska. Subsequently he went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he entered the State University in 1902. He devoted two years to the study of law and medicine there but decided that he preferred a commercial rather than a professional career and accepted a position as traveling salesman in connection with the introduction of automobiles, typewriters, and stocks and bonds. He represented various firms and developed salesmanship of a high order. At length he determined to take up his abode in Laramie and here opened a Ford agency, since which time he has engaged in the sale of the Ford cars, being now senior partner in the firm of Shumaker & Markley. They have developed a business of extensive and gratifying proportions, selling many cars, and today they are numbered among the most successful of the automobile dealers of Wyoming.

In June, 1906, Mr. Shumaker was united in marriage to Miss Lucille Lee, of Silver Creek, Nebraska, who passed away at Palm Beach, Florida, in 1912. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lee, residents of Silver Creek, Nebraska, her father being a well known cattleman there. In 1914, in Columbus, Nebraska, Mr. Shumaker was married to Miss Grace Hill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. V. Hill.

Fraternally Mr. Shumaker is connected with the Masons and with the Elks, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Episcopal church. He is today well known in Laramie as a progressive and enterprising business man, ready to meet any emergency or embrace any legitimate opportunity that will extend his trade relations. He has the high regard of his brethren of the

fraternities with which he is connected, the respect of those with whom he has had business relations and the friendship of those whom he meets in social circles.

J. M. RUMSEY.

While a resident of Rawlins, J. M. Rumsey in his activities has been by no means limited to the confines of the city. His interests have covered in large measure the chief industries and business enterprises of the state and have been important features in the progress and prosperity of Wyoming. He is now the president of the Stock Growers National Bank, of Rawlins, but is identified as well, in large measure, with various other corporate interests which have to do with the progress of the state and its substantial advancement.

He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, March 4, 1862, a son of J. M. and Harriet A. (Gaffey) Rumsey. His father was a well known tutor, preparing pupils for Princeton University. In his later years he became a prominent wholesale drygoods merchant of Portsmouth, Ohio.

J. M. Rumsey pursued his education in public and private schools of his native state and entered upon his business career as a bill clerk, and advanced to assistant credit man with the Reid-Murdoch Company of Chicago, where he remained from 1875 to 1883. The lure of the west, however, caught him, and in 1884 he became a resident of Rawlins, where he accepted the position of cashier and confidential man with the J. W. Hugus Company, which was engaged in the banking business that eventually developed into the First National Bank in 1909. From the period of his arrival here, Mr. Rumsey has been closely, prominently, and helpfully associated with the banking interests of his city. In 1907 he organized and became president of the Stock Growers National Bank of Rawlins, and since 1910 he has been president of the First State Bank of Baggs, Wyoming. He is also identified prominently with the sheep and cattle industry of the state, and since 1910 has operated extensively under the name of the Carbon County Sheep & Cattle Company.

He is also president of the Knox-Tanner Saddlery Company, a director of the Baggs (Wyoming) Investment Company, a director of the American Bankers Insurance Company of Chicago, president of the Saratoga Hot Springs Company, president and a director of the Carbon County Wool Growers Association, a director of the Mid-West Real Estate & Mortgage Bond Company of Chicago, Illinois, a director of the American Petroleum Company of Wyoming, and a factor in the successful development and conduct of other interests which have had much to do with promoting the prosperity of the state. He is a forceful and resourceful business man, possessing sound judgment and keen discrimination, and readily discriminates between the essential and nonessential factors in every business situation. His high standing in business circles is indicated by the fact that he was president of the Wyoming Bankers Association in 1914-15 and at the same time was president of the Wool Growers Association of Wyoming.

On the 16th of April, 1890, in Springfield, Ohio, Mr. Rumsey was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. C. Ramsey, a daughter of Dr. Josiah Ramsey and Emma (Gower) Ramsey of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey have become the parents of two children: Jean Harriet, born in Springfield, Ohio, in 1892; and Elizabeth M. born in Springfield, Ohio, in 1896. The elder daughter is a graduate of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and on the 9th of June, 1917, she became the wife of Claude M. Thompson, a graduate of Purdue University of Indiana, the wedding being celebrated in St. Mark's church in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Thompson is also a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University of the class of 1910, having completed the civil engineering course, and is now superintendent of construction with the Union Pacific Railway Company, his efforts in that direction covering the territory from Cheyenne to



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Kansas City, Missouri. He is recognized as one of the most efficient engineers in the Union Pacific service, as stated in a letter written by the president of that road.

The younger daughter, Elizabeth M., is a graduate of Miss Emma Willard's School for Girls, at Troy, New York, a school that was endowed by Mrs. Russell Sage. She completed the course at the head of her class and was recognized as one of the brightest students that had ever attended that school. She was also graduated with high honors from the William Currier School of Expression in Boston, Massachusetts. She possesses natural talent as an actress and has been offered many remunerative positions to appear before the foot-lights, but has always declined, preferring to remain in the attractive home of her parents in Rawlins. She is now pursuing a course in bookkeeping and shorthand at Denver, so as to be of assistance to her father in the conduct of his business affairs.

Mr. Rumsey is a prominent Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite, and he was grand master in 1903. He was also grand commander of the Knights Templar Commandery of Wyoming in 1890 and is past eminent commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, K. T., and served as the chief officer in 1896. He is likewise a past high priest of Wyoming Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., of Rawlins, and is a life member of Rawlins Lodge, No. 609, of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Rumsey is today one of the wealthy men of Wyoming, occupying a most prominent position in business and banking circles. His start in life was a modest one, although he had as a basis a broad college training. Readily recognizing the opportunities which have come to him and utilizing them with discrimination, he has gained a place among the strongest factors in the management of interests which have not only had to do with the development of his private fortune but with the progress of the state.

JOHN H. CAMERON.

John H. Cameron, filling the position of postmaster at Evanston, was born December 14, 1858, in Nova Scotia, a son of the late Roderick Cameron, who was a native of that country and of Scotch descent. The father was a successful farmer and continued to devote his life to agricultural pursuits until his labors were ended in death in 1869, when he was sixty-six years of age. He married Susan McDonald, a native of Nova Scotia and of Scotch lineage. She, too, has passed away, her death occurring in 1886, when she was sixty-eight years of age.

John H. Cameron was the tenth in order of birth in a family of eleven children. He is indebted to the public school system of his native country for his educational opportunities. His early life was spent upon the home farm and he soon became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. When a youth of fifteen years he started out to earn his own livelihood and was then apprenticed to learn the carriage builder's trade, which he followed for about four decades. He first came to the United States in 1873, settling at Providence, Rhode Island, where he continued to make his home until 1883, when he removed westward with Salt Lake City, Utah, as his destination. There he followed his trade until he came to Wyoming, settling in Evanston. He entered the carriage and wagon making business on his own account, becoming a pioneer in that line, and he continued to successfully conduct the business until 1913. In March, 1914, he assumed the duties of postmaster, which position he has since continuously and capably filled.

On the 23d of November, 1887, Mr. Cameron was married in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Miss Mary A. Scholes, a native of Salt Lake and a daughter of George and Mary (Spencer) Scholes, both of whom have passed away. Her father was

one of the pioneers of Utah of 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Camerton have become the parents of a daughter, Marguerite S., who was born in Salt Lake City, August 14, 1891.

Mr. Cameron votes with the democratic party and has given his support thereto since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has taken an active interest in politics and in civic affairs and in 1897 entered upon the duties of treasurer of Uinta county, which position he filled for a two years' term. He was also a member of the city council of Evanston for twelve years and while in office did everything in his power to advance the welfare of his city, to bring about needed reforms and improvements and to uphold high civic standards. His life has ever been actuated by honorable principles and worthy motives and has been directed in accordance with the teachings of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a most consistent member, serving at the present time as one of the elders of the church. His record is proof of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously, for though he started out in life a poor boy, he has worked his way upward and yet has never deviated from those principles which govern strict and unswerving integrity.

FRANK J. TERRY.

Prominent among the energetic, far-sighted and successful business men of Laramie is Frank J. Terry, a clothier and furnisher of men's wearing apparel. Watchful of every opportunity pointing toward success, he has so directed his interests and efforts as to win substantial results, while at the same time his interests have been of a character that has contributed to public prosperity and advancement.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Terry was born in Cardington on the 12th of August, 1871, and is a son of Chauncey E. Terry, who was likewise a native of the Buckeye state. The first American ancestor of the family was one of the Mayflower passengers. After residing for some time in New England representatives of the name went to Long Island and George B. Terry, the grandfather of Frank J. Terry, was the first of the family to settle in Ohio. His son, Chauncey E. Terry, as a young man, learned and followed blacksmithing. In later years he became a successful carriage manufacturer of Van Wert, Ohio, where he conducted a profitable business. His political endorsement was given to the republican party, in which he took an active interest, doing everything in his power to promote its growth and ensure its success. He served as sheriff of Morrow county and made an excellent record in office. At the present time he is living retired, residing upon his farm in Morrow county, that state. He married Clara E. Torrey, who was also born in Ohio and was of Scotch descent, her parents having settled in Ohio in pioneer times. She also survives.

Frank J. Terry was the eldest in a family of ten children and at the usual age began his education in the public schools of Cardington, Ohio, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. He started out in the business world when a youth of eighteen years and was first engaged in the conduct of a restaurant in Cardington, which business he carried on successfully for three years. He then sold out and accepted employment in the clothing store of Joseph Kohnheimer at Cardington and in that connection became acquainted with all branches of the clothing trade, acquiring experience that has been of the greatest value to him since his arrival in Laramie. He took up his abode in Laramie on the 30th of June, 1900, and entered the employ of W. H. Frazee, a leading clothier of this city, for whom he became buyer and manager of the clothing department. He continued with Mr. Frazee for eleven months and then entered into business with C. H. Woodruff under the firm style of Woodruff & Terry. The partnership between them continued for some time and the business was afterward incorporated under the style of the Woodruff & Terry Clothing & Shoe

Company, Mr. Terry acting as secretary and treasurer, with Mr. Woodruff as president. The business was continued under that style until 1904, when the corporation was changed, Mr. Woodruff selling his interest to C. J. Vagner. The firm style of Terry & Vagner was then assumed and the business was so continued until 1911, when Mr. Terry sold his interest to Mr. Vagner and for a year was engaged in no active business. In 1912 he removed to Baker, Oregon, and opened a ladies' ready-to-wear clothing store, continuing the business until February, 1913. He then sold out and returned to Laramie, where he purchased his present store from E. Mosher, of Rawlins, Wyoming. This is by far the finest store of the kind in the state. He carries a very extensive stock of men's clothing and furnishings and the store is most attractive in its arrangement. The business methods of the house commend it to the patronage of the public and he has thus won for himself a most prominent and enviable position as a leading merchant of Laramie.

Mr. Terry was married at Mount Gilead, Ohio, to Miss Isabel Talmage, a native of Ohio and a daughter of F. A. and Margaret (Knox) Talmage and a relative of the renowned Dr. Talmage, the eminent divine. Mr. and Mrs. Terry have one son, Richard Talmage, who was born in Laramie, May 31, 1908.

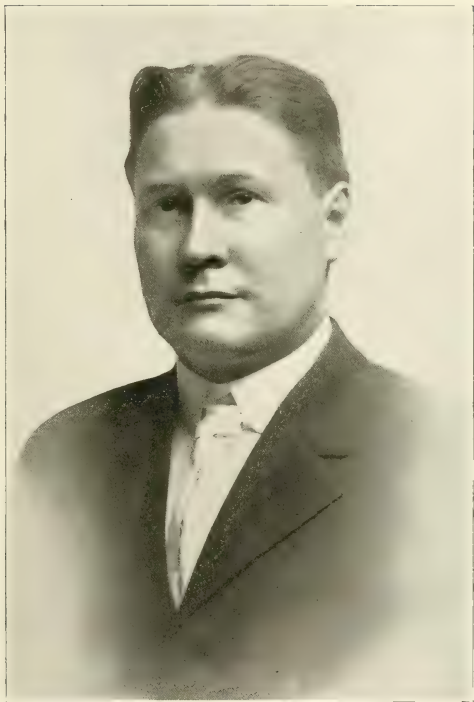
In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Terry are Episcopalians and he is a vestryman of St. Matthew's cathedral. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also has membership in the Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is an earnest republican but when urged to become a candidate for office has always declined, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs, which, wisely directed, have brought him to the creditable position which he now occupies. His interests have always been most capably conducted. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day commonsense, are his chief characteristics. Justice has ever been maintained in his relations to patrons and employees. He has been watchful of all the details of his business and of all indications pointing toward prosperity, and from the beginning has had an abiding faith in the ultimate success of his enterprise. Moreover, he is a public-spirited citizen, giving his cooperation to every movement which tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his adopted state.

JESSE L. LAKE.

Evanston, a most enterprising and progressive city, has drawn to it many men who were seeking for favorable opportunities, and here Jesse L. Lake has found the chance to exercise his industry and initiative, which are his dominant qualities. He is today conducting a profitable and growing business as proprietor of the Evanston Steam Laundry.

Born in Nappanee, Indiana, on the 12th of June, 1876, he is a son of the late John Lake, who was a native of Ohio and was a descendant of one of the old Virginia families of Scotch lineage that was founded in America about the time of the close of the Revolutionary war. Representatives of the name became early residents of Ohio and later removal was made to Indiana, where John Lake became a successful farmer. He resided in Elkhart county, that state, until his death, which occurred in 1882, when he was forty-five years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Susan Winders and she, too, was born in Ohio, belonging to one of the old families of that state that came originally from Connecticut and was of English ancestry. Mrs. Lake passed away in 1896, at the age of sixty years. By her marriage she had but two children, Jesse L. and Cora, the latter the wife of O. L. Mast, now living in San Diego, California.

Jesse L. Lake, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, pursued his education in the public schools of Nappanee, Indiana, and started out to



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earn his own livelihood when a young man of twenty years. He was first employed in the Troy Steam Laundry at Elkhart, Indiana, and there learned all branches of the business, continuing with the firm for four years. He next entered business on his own account, in 1901, at Warsaw, Indiana, where he conducted what was known as the Troy Laundry for three years, meeting with substantial success during that period. He then disposed of his interests there and removed to the west, making his way to Helena, Montana, where he conducted the Fort Laundry for five years. During the succeeding three years he was at Randolph, Nebraska, and in November, 1912, he removed to Evanston, Wyoming, where he purchased his present business from Isherwood & Bodine. The establishment was conducted under the name of the Evanston Laundry. It had been incorporated but in volume of business was small compared to the present trade enjoyed by Mr. Lake, who has today one of the leading steam laundries of Wyoming. It is equipped with everything necessary in this line, the machinery is new and modern and the work turned out is of the highest grade. Mr. Lake is employing on an average of eight people and his trade is largely local, for Evanston and the surrounding district accords him a volume of business that taxes the laundry to its full capacity.

In Elkhart, Indiana, on the 30th of May, 1901, Mr. Lake was united in marriage to Miss Maude Kinnaman, a native of Indiana and a daughter of John and Josie Kinnaman, who were representatives of old families of that state. Her father is now deceased but her mother is yet living. Mr. and Mrs. Lake have become the parents of a daughter, Grace, who was born May 30, 1914.

In his political views Mr. Lake is a republican but has never been an office seeker. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is widely and favorably known in Evanston and is fully satisfied with the opportunities which have been accorded him here. Gradually working his way upward, he is now at the head of a profitable business which has resulted from his close application and indefatigable energy, and he believes that with the chances that Wyoming affords any man can win success if he has the determination and perseverance to pursue a course that has been intelligently marked out.

REV. JOHN F. SUGRUE.

Rev. John F. Sugrue, pastor of the Church of the Seven Dolors at Rock Springs, was born February 7, 1884, in County Kerry, Ireland, a son of Michael Sugrue, a native of that country, who is still a resident of County Kerry, where he has been active along scientific lines, especially in connection with observatory work. He married Frances O'Connor, also a native of the Emerald isle, and they became the parents of nine children, of whom Father Sugrue, of this review, is the eldest. All of the others are still living and are yet residents of Ireland.

Rev. John F. Sugrue began his education in the parochial schools of his native country and afterward attended St. Brendan's College, from which he was graduated in 1902. That school is located at Killarney, Ireland. He afterward became a student in Maywroth College of Dublin and was there ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend, Archbishop William Walsh, on the 20th of June, 1909.

Following his ordination Father Sugrue came to America, arriving in October of that year. He made his way direct to the west with Denver as his destination and soon afterward was assigned to duty at Glenwood Springs, where he remained for three years as pastor of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church under Father Joseph Carrigan. He afterward became assistant pastor in St. Patrick's church under Rev. Luther D. T. O'Dwyer, there continuing for a year. He next became pastor of the Church of the Seven Dolors of Rock Springs, where he has remained since February, 1914. The membership at the time he

took charge was about thirty-five families and today the parish membership has grown to sixty families. The church is in good working order and excellent results are being achieved through the efforts of Father Sugrue. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Columbus and with the Catholic Order of Foresters. His political endorsement is given to the republican party. He is a man of liberal education, doing excellent work among his parishioners.

BENJAMIN H. SMALLEY.

A city does not depend so much upon its office holders, or even upon its machinery of government, as upon its business men for its upbuilding and development. Prominent among the energetic, farsighted and alert merchants of Cokeville is Benjamin H. Smalley, now president of the Reynolds, Smalley & Larson Company, engaged in general merchandising at Cokeville.

He was born in Jefferson, Ashtabula county, Ohio, September 17, 1872. His father, the late Imri Smalley, was a native of Vermont and was descended from one of the old families of that state, of English lineage, founded in America prior to the time when the colonies threw off the yoke of British oppression and established the American republic. He was distantly related to General Ethan Allen, whose "Green Mountain Boys," under the direction of their commander, won fame at the battle of Ticonderoga in the Revolutionary war. Imri Smalley became a successful merchant of Jefferson, Ohio, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1890, when he had reached the age of fifty-four years. He manifested the same spirit of patriotism and loyalty that characterized his ancestors and at the time of the Civil war joined the Union army, serving with the Ninth Ohio Cavalry with the rank of sergeant. Later he was drawn to act as one of the president's bodyguard and served as such throughout the remainder of the war. The family have in their possession several valuable mementoes—articles that previously belonged to President Lincoln. They also have a dagger that was found outside the Ford Theater after President Lincoln was assassinated and which is supposed to have been the weapon carried by Booth when he committed the dastardly deed that cost the life of the chief executive. In politics Mr. Smalley was a stalwart republican, as was his father, Horatio Nelson Smalley. Mr. Smalley was married to Lucy Ann McNutt, who was born and reared in Lennox, Ohio, and who passed away in 1889, at the age of fifty-two years. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, four of whom are living. William Walter, born July 15, 1859, was the eldest of the family. He was educated in the public schools of Jefferson and started out in the business world when a youth of seventeen years. In 1887 he removed to Wyoming, locating in Laramie, where he was engaged in electrical work, learning the business in principle and detail. He then engaged in electrical work in Laramie for fifteen years, and on the expiration of that time removed to Evanston, Wyoming, where he took charge of the interests of the Evanston light plant, continuing in that position for four years. He next went to Cumberland, Wyoming, where he was employed by the Union Pacific Coal Company for eight years, after which he established his home in Cokeville, where he engaged in electrical work for eight years. He was then appointed to the position of deputy sheriff and is now serving in that capacity. His political support has always been given to the democratic party and he has been a prominent factor in community affairs, both in a business way and as a political leader. The second in the family is Kate Smalley, who became the wife of W. C. Bancroft, of Bayonne, New Jersey. Elizabeth is the deceased wife of C. F. Rosebaugh, who resides in Cleveland, Ohio. Benjamin H. is the next of the family. Glenn Stuart, the youngest of the living children, is a resident of Springfield, Missouri. David Allen, who was the third member of the family, has passed away.

Benjamin H. Smalley was educated in the public schools of Jefferson, Ohio,

and remained a resident of that state until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he started for the west, taking up his abode in Evanston, Wyoming, in the summer of 1891. There he was employed along electrical lines and served also as assistant postmaster for eighteen months. He remained in Evanston for two years and subsequently rode the range for five years in Uinta and Lincoln counties. He was afterward connected with W. S. Post, of Kemmerer, in mercantile lines, as a clerk, obtaining his first experience in merchandising at that place. He was afterward at Fossil, where he was manager of a branch store for Mr. Post for two years. On the expiration of that period he accepted the management of the Blyth-Fargo-Hoskins store at Granger. He continued there under the firm name of Smalley & McKay for about six years, when he sold his interest in the business to Cosgriff Brothers and removed to Cokeville to become manager of the Cokeville Mercantile Company. He continued in that connection until the present business was established, at which time he joined Mr. Larson and Mr. Reynolds in organizing the Reynolds, Smalley & Larson Company for the conduct of a general mercantile enterprise. He was chosen president of the company, with Mr. Larson as vice president and Mr. Reynolds as secretary, treasurer and manager. Mr. Smalley is also one of the directors of the Cokeville Light & Power Company, which he organized. He is thus actively identified with the interests of his adopted city and is contributing in substantial measure to its continued growth along mercantile and other business lines.

On the 15th of June, 1901, in Kemmerer, Mr. Smalley was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wood, a native of Wyoming, who was born at Twin Creek, Uinta county. Her parents were Harry and Sarah (Sutton) Wood, the latter a daughter of William Sutton, one of the pioneer coal miners of Twin Creek. Both of her parents are now deceased.

Mr. Smalley votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. At one time he was postmaster of Cokeville, occupying the position for seven years, and for six years he also served as postmaster at Granger. Fraternally he is a well known Mason, having become a member of the lodge at Kemmerer, since which time he has joined the Royal Arch Chapter at Green River. He belongs to the Episcopal church, in which he is serving as trustee, and its teachings guide him in all of the relations of life. He is highly esteemed as a man of genuine personal worth as well as of marked business ability and enterprise, and he has many warm friends throughout Lincoln county, who entertain for him genuine regard.

VICTOR TUCKER JOHNSON.

Victor Tucker Johnson, an able attorney of Thermopolis, who is making a specialty of corporation and oil and mining law, was born March 25, 1881, in Centralia, Boone county, Missouri, a son of John A. and Eliza Mildred Johnson. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living. In their family were four children, all of whom survive.

Victor T. Johnson, after attending the Centralia high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1899, took up the study of electrical engineering, to which he devoted two years, from 1900 until 1902, in St. Louis, Missouri. In the latter year he became a student in the University of Missouri and enrolled in the law department, having determined to make the practice of law his life work. He won his LL. B. degree from the University of Missouri in 1905. He was admitted to practice by the supreme court of that state and by the United States circuit court of appeals at St. Louis in 1905. The following year he was admitted to practice by the supreme court of Wyoming and located in Thermopolis, where he has engaged in the practice of law to the present day, making a specialty of corporation law and of law relating to oil



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and mining property. His practice has become extensive and of an important character and he is thoroughly versed along those lines on which he is now concentrating his attention. He has also become connected with many oil companies as an investor and has been very successful in his oil ventures in the Grass Creek, Elk Basin and Warm Springs oil fields. He was one of the promoters of the oil industry in these various sections and has contributed much to the development and progress of the state through his operations along these lines. He is serving as director or in other official connection with various oil corporations.

On the 1st of September, 1917, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Joy Steel, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Steel, of Robinson, Illinois.

His religious faith is that of the Christian church; his political belief that of the democratic party. He was elected the first county and prosecuting attorney for Hot Springs county, Wyoming, occupying the position from 1912 until 1915. In the following year he was made a delegate to the national democratic convention held in St. Louis and he was chairman of the legal advisory board to the military draft of Hot Springs county in 1917. He stands for progressiveness in all that has to do with the public welfare and gives his active aid and support to many measures for the general good. In a word, his labors can always be counted upon to further the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of his community.

OSCAR NOAH ANDERSON.

With the substantial development and upbuilding of Sheridan, Wyoming, Oscar Noah Anderson has been prominently and actively identified for a number of years. He is a native of Sheridan, Illinois. His father, Erasmus Anderson, was born in Stavanger, Norway, and came with his parents to the new world when but two years of age, the family home being established in Leland, Illinois. After attaining man's estate he wedded Ellen Peterson, who was born at Leland, Illinois, and who passed away in Lincoln, Nebraska, in August, 1904. Mr. Anderson survives and now makes his home in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Oscar N. Anderson, accompanying his parents on their removal to Nebraska, was graduated from the high school at Aurora, Nebraska, in 1895 and in the following year he entered the Nebraska State University, where he spent three and a half years as a student. He would have graduated as a member of the class of 1902, but came to Sheridan, Wyoming, for a summer vacation the previous year and never returned to finish the university course. He had become a member of the Kappa Sigma, a Greek letter fraternity, during the period of his student days in the University of Nebraska. While a resident of Sheridan he has been engaged in the real estate, abstract, insurance and loan business and has been one of the directors of the Sheridan Building & Loan Association since its organization six years ago. He is thoroughly conversant with the real estate market, knows the property that is for sale and is correct in placing valuation thereon. He also conducts an abstract business and writes a considerable amount of insurance annually.

On the 16th of May, 1911, Mr. Anderson was married in Billings, Montana, to Miss Julia Belle Boehne, a daughter of Alfred Herman and Elizabeth M. Boehne, the latter at one time national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been born two children: Philip Craig, a lad of three and a half years; and Ruth Ellen Anderson, about a year and a half old.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson hold membership in the Presbyterian church and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge and chapter and with the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. For the past four years he has been one of the directors of the Sheridan Commercial-Club. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he

was deputy county clerk of Sheridan county, Wyoming, from 1908 until 1909, but retired from that position to enter the real estate business, in which he has since been an active and prominent factor. He stands loyally for all that has to do with the general welfare and upbuilding of his community and is one of the prominent and progressive citizens of Sheridan.

PHILIP MANDEL.

Philip Mandel passed his eighty-third milestone and then "the weary wheels of life at length stood still." As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of successful and completed effort, ending in the quiet and rest of the night, so was the life of this good man, who was ever honored as the first settler in the Laramie valley and one of the oldest residents of the state.

He was born in Alsace, France, October 2, 1834, and there spent the first fifteen years of his life, after which he severed home ties and came to the new world. He was a youth of but twenty years when he arrived in Wyoming, taking up his abode in the Little Laramie valley, where he lived the life of a frontiersman "in the simple, peaceful way of men who have wrought long and well." A visitor to the beautiful city of Laramie, with its attractive homes, its substantial business houses, its well kept streets and evidences of a modern, progressive civilization cannot understand the conditions of the country into which Mr. Mandel came. Not a house marked the site of the capital city and the most farsighted could not have dreamed of the changes which were soon to occur. He bravely faced every condition of pioneer life, met all of its hardships and privations and continued his work of converting a wild and undeveloped region into one of fertility, the abiding place of many happy, contented and prosperous people. After a time he went to the little village of Mandel, where he erected a stage station, and the log cabin that marked the station on the overland trail is still to be seen on the Lawrence ranch. "There he lived and conducted his affairs," writes the Laramie Republican, "meeting the pony express as it hurried across the country, giving a change of horses, the meal wished for and a word of cheer and a fond farewell as the driver of the pony express sped with his packages toward the setting sun. The Mandel stage station was known from ocean to ocean, and Mr. Mandel himself became a fixture in the landscape, always at the front door, always ready to bid the speeder good morning, always ready to lend a hand. In 1859 he was in Utah, fighting the Indians and helping to wrest the glowing west from the hand of the red man. He returned to Mandel, again took his place in the lonely cabin and filled his mission and fulfilled his destiny as it had been pointed out to him."

Mr. Mandel was married in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Mrs. Alexander, a widow, whose maiden name was Jennie Louise Campbell, born in Norfolk, Virginia, and he and his wife established their humble home, and as the years passed two daughters came to them. Katherine married William Lasher and still resides in Laramie, her home being at No. 412 Grand avenue. She has two sons: Philip Mandel, born November 30, 1902; and Ronald, born July 6, 1904. Margaret, now Mrs. Charles Hopkins, is located in Los Angeles, California, and has a daughter, Norrine. At length the wife and mother passed away, the death angel calling her while she was in Mercy Hospital at Denver.

A few years prior to his death Mr. Mandel gave up the life of a ranchman and spent the latter years in the city, passing away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lasher. He "was always cheerful, always contented, but never willing to say much about himself. 'I amount to so little that nobody will care,' he would say when asked to recount some of his experiences that they might be set down when the end came." This was the innate modesty of the man. He never felt that he had made much of a contribution to the world's work, but others recog-



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nized what he had done as the pioneer settler of this section of the state. We again quote from the local paper, which said: "Mr. Mandel, although confined to the house for most of the time recently, had not been seriously ill, and yesterday expressed the wish that he could go to his ranch home once again. He went to his room as usual yesterday, his daughter caring for his needs, and retired. This morning when she went to visit him, as is her wont the first thing after herself arising, she found him in the last sleep, death having come, presumably, about midnight, the old man passing from life to death with never a struggle or a pain—just the being gathered to his fathers like a babe on its mother's breast. It was a shock for the daughter, of course, but her heart swelled as she gazed upon the peaceful face of her father, a smile of content resting on the dear features, his hands lying idly, his heart having ceased its beating as a clock will stop its ticking. The end had come and the life went out like the falling of the leaves from the trees, like the dropping of the petals from the rose. It was the end of one of the most remarkable lives this valley has ever seen marking the passing of our really oldest oldtimer. * * * The passing of Philip Mandel marks the cutting down of the number of early comers who have made history momentarily in this valley. He came when only the red man was a resident here and he lived to see the valley that was then a wilderness blossom as the rose—to see his lonely cabin of the pioneer days, set in the midst of solitude, now surrounded by prosperous ranches and enlivening scenes. N. K. Boswell and Edward Iverson are here, R. E. Fitch and W. H. Holliday are left with us, and there be others that knew the land when it was new to all of them. It is with a feeling of sadness that we are to write 'finis' against the name of one of the first and one of the best known that made this the home of refinement, and happiness, and contentment, with no enemy of any man lurking behind the hill, ready to snuff out the life of those who have striven to reclaim the state."

He died October 22, 1917, at his residence in Laramie.

THOMAS A. READY.

Thomas A. Ready is manager and one of the proprietors of the Murphy-Ready Company of Rawlins, Wyoming, and of Fort Collins, Colorado. This company is extensively and successfully engaged in dealing in men's furnishing goods and clothing and has built up a trade at each center that is extensive and substantial.

Mr. Ready was born in Prince Edward Island, August 2, 1872, and is a son of Richard and Mary (Condon) Ready, both of whom were natives of Prince Edward Island, where they were reared, educated and married. The father has followed farming as a life work and is still living at the place of his nativity, but the mother has passed away and was buried in Prince Edward Island. They had a family of six children; of whom Thomas A. is the third in order of birth. Two of the number are now deceased. The others are: Mrs. Joe Hughes, Millicent and James A., who are still living in Prince Edward Island.

In his boyhood days Thomas A. Ready attended the schools of his native isle, after which he became an apprentice to the tailor's trade, with which he became thoroughly familiar, mastering the business in every detail. He then followed the trade in his native country until 1891, when he resolved to try his fortune in the west and made his way to Rawlins, Wyoming. A year later he established himself in business on his own account and later developed his interests into the present business enterprise, conducted under the name of the Murphy-Ready Company. He is one of the prominent merchants of Rawlins and is at the head of one of the finest stores of the kind in the state. The business was established in 1894, Mr. Ready becoming the associate of P. J. Murphy, who is the active manager of the Fort Collins branch of the business, while Mr. Ready continues in control of the Rawlins establishment. Purchasing

in large quantities, they are able to buy advantageously and their stores present all that is latest and best in workmanship and in style, both in clothing and haberdashery.

Mr. Ready is a Catholic in religious faith, holding membership in St. Joseph's church at Rawlins, and he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, which draws its membership only from the people of that faith. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1916 he was chosen as a city trustee of Rawlins. He started out in business in a modest way, has worked upward without assistance and has now reached a position of prominence in commercial circles. He is a believer in Wyoming and its future and is glad to identify his interests with the state, feeling that the opportunities are limitless here. His course should suggest to young men the chances that are before them—chances that lie before any and that may be utilized with good results.

FRANK CROXFORD.

Frank Croxford, a wide-awake and alert business man of Evanston, acting as manager for the Reed Brothers Harness Company, was born in Pleasant Grove, Utah, April 5, 1884, a son of William and Hannah (Lovesdale) Croxford, who were natives of England and came to America in middle life, following their marriage. The father engaged in the meat business and spent his last days in Utah, passing away at Pleasant Grove in 1906. The mother survives and is now living at Magna, Utah. Their family numbered two children, the younger being Blanchard Croxford.

Frank Croxford attended school in Utah, completing a high school course at Pleasant Grove, after which he removed to Uinta Basin and began work as an apprentice to the harnessmaking trade. He removed to Evanston in August, 1916, in order to take charge of the interests of the Reed Brothers Harness Company of Ogden, Utah, and now as manager is in control of one of the leading stores of this kind in western Wyoming. Mr. Croxford came to Evanston for the purpose of developing the business with a view to later purchasing it.

On the 8th of August, 1908, Mr. Croxford was married to Miss Minnie Taylor, a daughter of Alma and Celia Taylor, who were pioneer settlers of Uinta Basin but have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Croxford have become the parents of three children: Vaughn, born in Uinta county in 1913; Owen, in 1914; and Reed, in December, 1916.

In politics Mr. Croxford is a democrat but has never been an aspirant for public office. He belongs to the Mormon church and is interested in all that has to do with the material and moral progress of his community. In a business way he has advanced steadily through his individual efforts, capably meeting his responsibilities and at all times improving the opportunities that have come to him. He has made for himself a creditable position in the commercial circles of Evanston.

FRANK X. CARRON.

Frank X. Carron, a civil and mining engineer who is now superintendent of Water Division No. 4, with headquarters at Rock Springs, was born in Towanda, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1884, a son of James and Annie (Bennis) Carron, the former a native of Canada, while the latter was born in Pennsylvania. In young manhood the father removed to the Keystone state, where later he became buyer for a large hide and wool house at Towanda. Subsequently he removed to Newark, New Jersey, where he now resides with his daughter. His wife, who

was reared, educated and married in Pennsylvania, passed away in 1892, at the age of thirty-nine years. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Nellie Costello, who died in Towanda, Pennsylvania, in 1911; Robert E., who is a first lieutenant with the One Hundred and Forty-first Field Artillery, U. S. A., now stationed at Camp Mills, Ohio; Mrs. Florence Florshee, of Newark, New Jersey; James, who is now with the United States forces in France; Frank X., of this review; and two who died in infancy.

Frank X. Carron was the fourth in order of birth in that family. In his boyhood he attended the parochial schools of Towanda and following his graduation he entered upon preparation for the engineering profession, taking postgraduate work in St. Agnes Academy. He began the practice of his chosen profession in connection with the Lackawanna Coal Company of Pennsylvania, with which he was identified for four years. He afterward became superintendent of the Kanawha Coal Company of Spring Hill, West Virginia, and a year later he became associated with C. P. Collins, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, with whom he remained for five months. On the expiration of that period he removed to Colorado, where he was connected with irrigation engineering projects for a year. Removing to Kentucky, he followed railroad engineering for six months and then returned to Colorado, where he again spent two months. In 1909 he arrived in Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he entered into business relations with the Union Pacific Coal Company, with which he was thus associated until June, 1917. He is now engaged in private practice as a civil and mining engineer and on the 1st of September, 1917, he was appointed superintendent of Water Division No. 4. He also is proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, a newly furnished commercial men's headquarters at Rock Springs, which is liberally patronized. He stands very high in professional circles, his long experience and close study making him a man of marked ability in his chosen field. He is enabled to speak with authority upon many involved and important engineering projects and his standing is further indicated in the fact that he belongs to the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

On the 2d of January, 1914, in Salt Lake City, Mr. Carron was united in marriage to Mrs. Clara (Kuske) Walling, a daughter of Charles and Julia Kuske, of Olivia, Minnesota. By a former marriage Mr. Carron had a daughter, Gladys, who was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, in 1905 and is now attending school in Rock Springs.

Fraternally Mr. Carron is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His is a most creditable career and one which indicates clearly what may be accomplished by determined effort and unfaltering perseverance on the part of the individual, for Mr. Carron worked his way upward entirely on his own account and studied by candle light while serving as an apprentice with the Lackawanna Coal Company of Pennsylvania. Within four years when with that company he had advanced to the superintendency and today he is prominently connected with engineering projects in the west, being engineer for a number of coal mining companies in Sweetwater county. He is one of the representative and honored residents of Rock Springs and his life record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is rather the outcome of clear judgment, experience and indefatigable energy.

LAURITZ MARTINUS SORENSEN.

A prominent figure in musical circles of Wyoming is Lauritz Martinus Sorensen, who now makes his home in Lovell. He was born in Grenaa, Denmark, December 22, 1866, a son of Lars and Matilda (Andersen) Sorensen. The mother has passed away but the father is living in Utah at the venerable age of eighty-five years. He has been a member of the Church of Latter-Day Saints since



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1856 and has held a number of very responsible offices in the church, the duties of which he has performed with marked credit.

Lauritz M. Sorensen pursued his education in Copenhagen, Denmark, in Berlin, Germany, in Boston, Massachusetts, and in other cities of the United States, coming to this country when but a youth, before the emigration of his father and mother. For a while he had a very hard time of it, but he completed courses in violin, band work and public school music and throughout his entire life he has devoted his attention to musical interests and to the art of teaching music and leading choirs, concerts and bands and he has conducted a number of opera companies, bands and choirs with success. In the spring of 1908 he started upon a trip through Europe which continued until the spring of 1910 and he had some most enjoyable experiences during that period. He was in charge of a choir of about ninety members and by reason of the attractive concerts which he gave was invited to dine with members of the royal family.

At Vernal, Utah, on the 8th of January, 1898, Professor Sorensen was united in marriage to Miss Dezzie McCurdy, a daughter of Albert and Christine (Bonner) McCurdy. Her mother was born on the Atlantic ocean under the Stars and Stripes. To Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen have been born six children, a daughter and five sons, namely, Havana Matilda, Elmer Martinus, Lloyd Frederick, Clive Albert, Earl Christmas and Elmo Robert, but Elmer Martinus, the second in order of birth, is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and all of his life until his arrival in Wyoming has been devoted to music and to church work, but he is now serving for the fifth term as town treasurer and water commissioner in Lovell. Since his arrival in Wyoming he has organized a number of bands, one of which he conducted at the State Fair of Wyoming in 1917. His study along musical lines has been most broad and comprehensive and the development of his native powers and talents has brought him to the front rank among the leading musicians of the state. Through his connection with the art he has done much to advance musical tastes in Wyoming, his work being of the utmost value along those cultural lines which constitute a balance to the intense commercial activity of the present.

L. A. ZANE.

L. A. Zane, who is engaged in general merchandising at Basin, was born in Cass county, Michigan, February 24, 1861, a son of Isaiah and Martha (Parker) Zane, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They removed to Michigan at an early period in the development of that state and there the mother passed away, but the father long survived, his death occurring in Basin. To them were born seven children, five of whom are yet living.

L. A. Zane was reared and educated in Michigan and in the fall of 1879 started westward. After spending a winter in Iowa he continued his journey in the spring of 1880, with Wyoming as his destination, and first located at Sheridan, where he engaged in the live stock business until 1892. He then disposed of his interests there and removed to Colorado, where he remained until 1896. In that year he returned to Basin and established a general mercantile store, which he has since conducted, covering a period of twenty-two years. He is one of the oldest merchants in this section of the state and his business is the result of close application, indefatigable energy and keen sagacity. He is now enjoying a very liberal patronage and his success is well deserved.

In 1885 Mr. Zane was united in marriage to Miss Amanda E. Hardee, a native of Iowa and a daughter of O. P. and Eliza Hardee, the former yet living, while the latter is deceased.

In politics Mr. Zane is a democrat and for twelve years has served as a member of the city council, taking active and helpful part in promoting the interests and welfare of the community through the exercise of his official prerogatives. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge and also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he likewise belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. His wife is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. They occupy an attractive residence in Basin and in addition to that property, Mr. Zane owns an excellent store building.

He was one of the first residents of Basin and has long been actively and prominently identified with its history. He is familiar with all the prominent events which have had to do with shaping its records and promoting its growth and at all times he has given active aid and influence to plans and movements for the public good. His worth is widely acknowledged and those who know him entertain for him the warmest regard.

CHARLES B. GUNNELL.

Charles B. Gunnell, a pharmacist of Evanston, whose well appointed drug store is one of the leading commercial establishments of the city, was born on the 4th of February, 1882, in the city where he still makes his home.

His father, Frank Gunnell, a native of Illinois, came to Wyoming in 1872, when a young lad of seventeen years, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers of this section of the state. He was a machinist by trade and followed that business for several years in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He then took up the profession of engineering and has been in active service with the Union Pacific Railroad since that date. His father, Dr. William Gunnell, was also a pioneer of Evanston, practicing his profession among the early settlers, he and Dr. F. H. Harrison being the two first physicians of the city. He was a Civil war veteran, having served at the front during the hostilities between the north and the south with an Illinois regiment, holding the rank of quartermaster sergeant. In tracing the ancestral history of the family it is learned that representatives of the Gunnells settled in Illinois in pioneer times and previous to that were residents of Pennsylvania. In fact, the family was established on American soil previous to the Revolutionary war, in which some of the ancestors of Charles B. Gunnell participated. Wherever the family have lived they have taken active part in public affairs and have at all times stood for progress and improvement, ever manifesting public-spirited citizenship.

The father of Charles B. Gunnell was a member of the state legislature of Wyoming, serving during the years 1913 and 1914. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party, of which he is a staunch advocate. His father, Dr. Gunnell, passed away in 1880 at the age of seventy years and was laid to rest in the Evanston cemetery. The mother of Charles B. Gunnell bore the maiden name of Della Sturgis and was born in Salt Lake City, her parents being pioneer settlers of that place. Mrs. Gunnell was reared and educated there and by her marriage became the mother of three children, of whom Charles B. is the eldest, the others being: Minnie, now the wife of H. M. Lewis, a resident of Evanston; and Harold, who also makes his home in Evanston.

In the attainment of his education Charles B. Gunnell pursued his studies in the schools of his native city and in preparation for his professional career entered the Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902, winning the Ph. G. degree. Following his graduation he returned to Evanston and entered business on his own account. He started with a small stock of drugs and druggists' sundries but has developed his trade to its present extensive proportions. He has today one of the largest pharmacies in his section of the state and his business is continually growing. It is the oldest business in continuous existence in this line in Evanston and from

the beginning his trade has constantly increased, his success being due to his earnest efforts to please his patrons, his reasonable prices and his straightforward dealing.

On the 20th of September, 1909, in Evanston, Mr. Gunnell was united in marriage to Miss Emily H. Isberg, who was born at Medicine Bow, Wyoming, her parents being pioneer settlers of this section of the state. Her brother, William H. Isberg, was the first white male child born at Medicine Bow. Mr. and Mrs. Gunnell have become the parents of one child, Francis B.

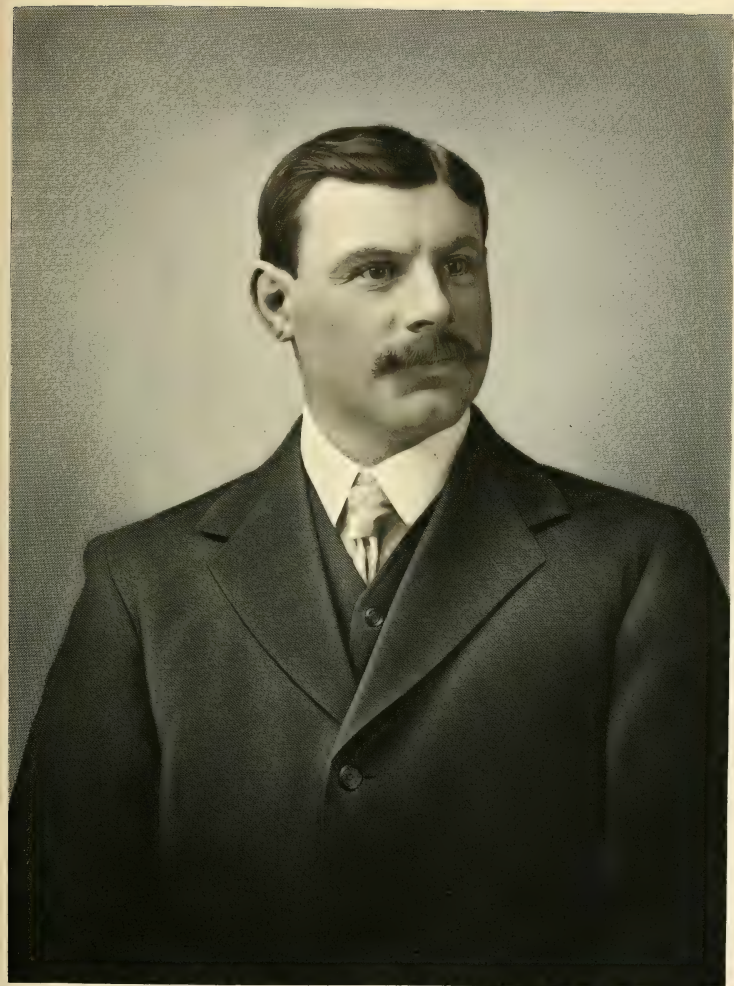
The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Gunnell is that of the Episcopal church, to the teachings of which they loyally adhere. He is also well known in Masonic circles, having attained the Knight Templar degree in the Albert Pike Commandery, and he is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party and he served for six years as a member of the state board of pharmacy through appointment of Governor Brooks. He has never been an aspirant for office in the usual sense, however, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his business affairs, which have been wisely and carefully directed and have brought to him a substantial measure of success. He is a man of substantial worth—an opinion endorsed by all of his fellow townsmen, who entertain for him the warmest regard by reason of his well spent life, his business enterprise, his loyalty in citizenship and his devotion to the ties of friendship.

JOSEPH HALL KING.

Joseph Hall King, secretary and treasurer of the F. S. King Brothers Company of Laramie and one of the prominent and representative residents of that city, was born August 28, 1874, in Barnsley, Yorkshire, England, a son of the Rev. William and Elizabeth (Stocker) King.

The father was a prominent Methodist clergyman and was the founder of the Jersey Ladies' College on the island of Jersey. His daughter, Elizabeth Sarah, was the first student on the records of that institution. Rev. King was also chairman of the west riding in Yorkshire for the liberal party. He died in Kent in 1882, when but little past middle age. At his death he left a widow, who prior to her marriage was Miss Elizabeth Stocker, and their eight sons and two daughters, all of whom are now living and have attained creditable positions in various walks of life, reflecting the excellent home training which they received as well as their superior individuality. The record of the sons and daughters is as follows. William F. is connected with the Bristol branch of the National Provincial Bank of England. Frank S. is living in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Herbert J. is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Joseph H. is the next of the family. Harry is an expert chemist of England. Arnold was formerly manager of the Wolverhampton branch of the National Provincial Bank of England but is now an officer in the British army, doing service in Mesopotamia. Edward R. is a well known sheep commission man of Colorado, residing at Monte Vista. Benjamin Gregory was formerly representative on the London Coal Exchange of the Staffordshire collieries and is now a purchasing agent for the British government. Elizabeth Sarah is the wife of Edmund Searle and resides in Cornwall, England. Evelyn resides at the old homestead, which is maintained by the various members of the family. The mother lived to the age of sixty-two years, passing away in 1898.

Joseph Hall King had good educational advantages. He attended the grammar schools, then prepared for college at boarding schools and concluded his preparatory work in Kingswood school at Bath, Somersetshire. Up to this time his preparation had been for Oxford, but the presence in America of two older brothers, Frank S. and Herbert J., caused Joseph H. King to decide upon trying



Joseph H. King.

his fortunes in the new world, and to better fit himself for such a move, he took a practical course in general agriculture on a farm in England. In June, 1891, he started for the United States, Laramie, Wyoming, being his objective point. There he became connected with his brothers, Frank S. and Herbert J., who were in the sheep business with Paul Pascoe. Mr. King of this review became an employe of his brothers, who in 1892 separated their interests from those of Mr. Pascoe and as King Brothers conducted business on their own account. Joseph H. King continued as an employe with them until 1895, when he secured an interest in the business. In 1898 a partnership was formed under the style of F. S. King Brothers and was so continued until June 30, 1904, when the business was incorporated as the F. S. King Brothers Company, with F. S. King as the president, Herbert J. King as vice president and Joseph H. King as secretary and treasurer. The business continued in that way until 1915, when Herbert J. and Joseph H. purchased the interest of Frank S., at which time Herbert J. King became the president, A. C. Jones vice president and Joseph H. King secretary and treasurer. They continued the firm name of the F. S. King Brothers Company, however. Their business is one of extensive proportions and they have won for themselves a most creditable place among the prominent sheep raisers of the state.

On the 14th of June, 1906, in Laramie, Mr. King was united in marriage to Miss Estelle V. Abrams, a daughter of Ludolph and Sophia (Bath) Abrams, who were pioneer residents of Laramie, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. King went to Europe on their wedding trip, visiting his old home and the scenes amid which his boyhood days were passed. They have become the parents of one son, Joseph D., who was born in Laramie, October 23, 1913.

In politics Mr. King is a staunch republican, and while not an office seeker or politician in any sense of the term, he takes a keen interest in the success of his party and does all in his power to secure the adoption of its principles. Fraternally he is a Mason of high rank, belonging to lodge, chapter and commandery at Laramie and to Korein Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Rawlins. He is also a Scottish Rite Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the consistory at Cheyenne, and he is a past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming Knights Templar. He is also a vestryman of St. Matthew's Episcopal church at Laramie.

He stands as one of the foremost citizens of Laramie, interested in its progress and ready at any time to further any good movement or project that tends to benefit the community along the lines of material, intellectual, social and moral progress. He has frequently been called upon to judge stock at various big state and international fairs, but has just as often declined. Since his marriage he has resided in Laramie, his home being at Seventh and Thornburg streets, and he and his wife enjoy the friendship and kindly regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

WALTER K. SHOEMAKER, D. D. S.

Dr. Walter K. Shoemaker is one of the younger representatives of the dental profession in Laramie. In his practice, however, he is demonstrating his thorough familiarity with the most scientific principles of the profession, combined with a mechanical skill and ingenuity that renders his work most effective, proving highly satisfactory to his many patrons.

He was born in Denver, Colorado, March 28, 1891, a son of J. M. and Malinda (Walter) Shoemaker, who were natives of Ohio, the father having been born near Massillon, while the mother was born in Stark county, that state. It was in the year 1889 that J. M. Shoemaker removed westward to Denver, Colorado, where he engaged in railroad work, being connected with the

freight department of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. He is now with the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, having devoted the greater part of his life to railway service. To him and his wife have been born two children, the daughter being Miss Laura Shoemaker, who became the wife of J. A. Sprong and resides in Denver.

Dr. Shoemaker was the elder of the two children and in his boyhood attended the public schools of Denver, continuing his education in the West Denver high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1911. He then took up the study of dentistry, matriculating in the Colorado College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1914. He located in Laramie, where he has since built up a lucrative practice and is today one of the leading representatives of the profession in the city. He has a splendidly equipped office, supplied with all modern appliances to facilitate dental work and his mechanical skill, combined with his broad scientific knowledge, makes him a most capable representative of the profession.

On the 20th of August, 1911, Dr. Shoemaker was married to Miss Mildred C. Sprong, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Sprong, of Denver. They have become parents of two children: Richard Walter, born in Denver, November 26, 1913; and Roger Sprong, born in Laramie, June 14, 1915.

Dr. Shoemaker is a Master Mason, an association which indicates the rules which govern his conduct, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor. He is also a member of the Nu Chapter of the Psi Omega dental fraternity. He is of a social disposition and genial nature, and readily wins friends wherever he goes. In his profession he has made rapid progress, for he holds to the highest professional standards, observing closely the ethics of the profession, and his skill and ability are winning for him a constantly growing practice.

WILLIAM E. DINNEEN.

William E. Dinneen is proprietor of the Lincoln Highway Garage at Cheyenne and is engaged in handling the Reo and Hudson cars, in which connection he has developed a substantial business. He was born in Kansas on the 11th of March, 1861, and is a son of Maurice and Margaret (Williams) Dinneen. The family came to Wyoming in 1879, arriving in Laramie county on the 15th of May. The father turned his attention to the live stock business and homesteaded in this state, thus becoming actively identified with the pioneer development. He contributed much to the early progress of the state through his agricultural and live stock interests and always stood for the substantial upbuilding of Wyoming. During the period of the Civil war he served for a short time at the front in defense of the Union. Both he and his wife have now passed away.

William E. Dinneen was the second in order of birth in a family of two sons and two daughters. He acquired his education in the public schools and spent his youthful days with his father upon the ranch, having been a lad of eighteen years when he came with the family to Wyoming. He continued to assist in the development and improvement of the ranch until he attained his majority, when he began contracting in connection with the Express Company, devoting four years to that business. He then engaged with his brother, Maurice, in the grocery business in Cheyenne, establishing and conducting a store for fourteen years, during which period they built up a large and gratifying trade. While thus engaged, William E. Dinneen also turned his attention to the livery business, which he followed for eight years, having begun the automobile business before giving up the livery. In the meantime his brother had passed away. He later sold his grocery business, which had been developed until it was one of the largest establishments of the kind in the state. He then concentrated his efforts and attention upon the automobile business and with its growth he determined



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to withdraw from the livery business, and sold out to Henry Hoffman. He erected the building that he now occupies—a modern brick garage, which is splendidly equipped. He has a fine showroom for the display of the Reo and Hudson cars, which he handles, having the agency for the Hudson in two counties and for the Reo in five counties. Something of the growth and extent of his business is indicated in the fact that he now employs fifteen men. His patronage is very gratifying and his activities are bringing to him a very substantial annual income.

In 1890 Mr. Dinneen was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Tierney and to them have been born the following named: Roy, who is engaged in the automobile business in Casper; Maurice, a law student who is now with the United States army; Margaret, the wife of C. H. Hutchinson; William J., a student in the Naval Academy of the United States; and Nan, at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church and Mr. Dinneen has become identified with the Knights of Columbus as a fourth degree member. He is also a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Woodmen of the World and of the Industrial Club. He is interested in community affairs and for six years he served on the frontier committee. Those who know him regard him as a public-spirited man, interested in community and state affairs to the extent of giving active aid and co-operation to all movements for the general good. His worth as a man, as a citizen and as a business man is widely acknowledged.

WILLIAM DAVID BRENNAN.

William David Brennan, assistant general manager at Cheyenne for the Union Pacific Coal Company, is a man of marked executive ability and keen business discrimination combined with unflinching enterprise. He is thus well qualified for the onerous and responsible duties which devolve upon him in his present connection. He was born in Malone, New York, October 29, 1877, a son of William D. and Laura C. (Smith) Brennan, both of whom have passed away.

After acquiring a public school education, William D. Brennan spent one year as a student in the University of Minnesota and then went east to enter Yale, being graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of the Yale University as a member of the class of 1900. Thus well qualified by thorough scientific training for important duties along the line of his chosen profession, he spent nine months in the engineering department of the city of Boston, and on the 1st of February, 1901, became connected with the engineering department of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Rock Springs, Wyoming. He was active in the work of opening the mines at Cumberland and did much to promote the growth and development of the camp there. He was also the engineer and superintendent at the opening of the camp at Superior, where his labors were concentrated from 1906 until 1912. In the latter year he came to Cheyenne as general superintendent of the company and from that position has been advanced to assistant general manager, with added responsibilities and duties. He is now directing his efforts to administrative direction and executive control and his labors are productive of excellent results. He is thoroughly familiar with all conditions bearing upon the utilization and development of the coal resources of the state as controlled by the Union Pacific Company and his labors are proving a substantial element in the success of the business.

On the 3d of July, 1905, Mr. Brennan was united in marriage to Miss Blanche McCoy, a native of Mansfield, Ohio, and they have one child, Elizabeth L. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan are consistent members of the Presbyterian church, taking an active interest in its work and contributing generously to its support.

His political endorsement is given to the republican party. Fraternally he is an Elk and a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Industrial and the Country clubs and he has those

traits of character which make for personal popularity. An eminent American statesman has said: "The strongest men of the country are those who have been born and reared in the east and have sought the opportunities of the west for the development of their business careers." Such is the record of William D. Brennan, who with the broad scientific training afforded by Yale has brought his knowledge to bear in solving the problems of the west in the utilization of its mineral resources, especially in the coal field. Collegiate training and practical experience have made him splendidly qualified for his present duties and his capability places him with those men who are proving most important factors in the upbuilding of the state.

CHARLES EARL CADY.

Charles Earl Cady is well known in commercial circles in Laramie as a member of the Star Grocery Company. He was born October 22, 1889, in Chapman, Nebraska, and was the second in order of birth in a family of three children whose parents were Alva B. and Mary (Linden) Cady. The father was born in Nebraska and represents one of the pioneer families of that state, of English and Irish lineage. In 1907 he removed to Laramie and is now agent in this city for the Union Pacific Railway Company. His wife was also born in Nebraska and represents one of the old families of Grand Island.

Spending his youthful days under the parental roof, Charles Earl Cady was educated in the public schools of his native state and in the University of Wyoming, in which he pursued a business course. In the meantime, however, he had made his initial step in the business world, starting out to earn his living when a youth of but twelve years. He was first employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Nebraska as a call boy, and on the removal of the family to Laramie he was advanced to a clerical position and remained in connection with the railroad company until 1908. It was subsequent to that time that he continued his education by pursuing his business course. Later he secured a position with the Gem City Grocery Company, by which he was employed for two years, on the expiration of which period he formed a partnership with Henry W. Jensen and organized the Star Grocery Company. They began business in a small way but from that humble beginning have developed one of the leading stores of the kind in this section of the country, carrying a stock fully five times as large as that with which they started out. Their establishment is thoroughly attractive in its appearance and arrangement and in the line of goods carried, while the business methods of the house are such as commend the company to the support of the public. They employ five people and their store occupies a building eighty by eighty feet. It is thoroughly modern in equipment and up to date in every particular.

On the 8th of July, 1914, Mr. Cady was united in marriage to Miss Wilburta Knight, a native of Wyoming and a daughter of the late Wilbur Clinton Knight, who was state geologist of the University of Wyoming for many years and was one of the pioneers of this section of the country. Her mother bore the maiden name of Emma Holvell and is now filling the position of dean of women in the University of Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Cady have become the parents of two children: Mary Elizabeth, born in Laramie, April 14, 1916; and Charles Earl, who was born October 5, 1917.

Mr. Cady has always been a stalwart advocate of republican principles and he stands for progress and improvement in all matters that have to do with the general welfare of his city and state. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is in hearty sympathy with its well defined plans and measures for the upbuilding of Laramie and the extension of its trade relations. He is a member of one of the college fraternities and his religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the First Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Cady occupy an enviable

social position and are highly esteemed in those circles where intelligence and genuine personal worth are accepted as the passports into good society. He has become an important factor in business circles in Laramie and his success is well deserved, for in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags.

JAMES MORGAN.

James Morgan, secretary and treasurer of the United Mine Workers of District No. 22, was born in Vienna, Ohio, on the 8th of November, 1876, his parents being Ed and Margaret (Weir) Morgan. On leaving the Buckeye state the family removed to Colorado and afterward to Wyoming, settling at Glenrock, where they became identified with coal mining interests. The mother is still living and Mr. Morgan also has one brother and one sister surviving.

In the public schools of Colorado and Wyoming, James Morgan pursued his education and in the school of experience has learned many of life's valuable lessons. From the age of sixteen years he followed mining and is therefore familiar with every phase of the business of taking the coal from the ground and preparing it for the market. Moreover, he is thoroughly familiar with existing labor conditions and he believes thoroughly that the interests of the miners must be protected by organized effort. In 1905 he was elected to his present position as secretary and treasurer of the United Mine Workers of District No. 22 and has been nine times reelected to that position in a district which has about eight thousand members, organized in thirty-five local societies.

On the 26th of April, 1904, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Anna Begley and to them have been born five sons: Ed, James, Arthur, William and Robert.

Mr. Morgan is a Protestant in religious faith and in politics he maintains an independent course. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is interested in all that has to do with the welfare and progress of his community and his state and is a public-spirited citizen and highly respected man, enjoying the goodwill and confidence of all with whom he has been associated.

DAVID YOUNG.

David Young, junior partner in the firm of Adams & Young, grocers, and a leading and substantial business man of Buffalo, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, on the 12th of June, 1868. He spent his boyhood and youth in that picturesque region which was the home of Burns, and with whose history many an interesting song and story is interwoven. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native country and on attaining his majority he resolved to try his fortune in the United States. Accordingly, in 1889 he bade adieu to friends and native land and crossed the Atlantic, but did not tarry on the eastern coast. Instead, he made his way at once across the country to Rawlins, Wyoming, where he secured employment on the ranch of Robert Taylor, the pioneer stockman of this state. He continued in Mr. Taylor's service for two and a half years, when he was joined by his brother, Richard Young, who had just come to America, and together they formed the firm of Young Brothers and engaged in the live stock business. They began operations in the vicinity of Rawlins, but soon thereafter took their stock up to Casper, where headquarters were maintained for about five years. In 1895 they came to Johnson county, where they have since operated, and for a number of years they have specialized in the raising



David Young.

of sheep, running from fifteen to twenty thousand sheep, while their herds of cattle have been reduced to the number of about six hundred head. They have thus long ranked with the leading stockmen of this section of the state and their interests have become very important and extensive. In 1902 David Young purchased a half interest in the grocery business of William P. Adams, thus forming the present well known firm of Adams & Young, and he has since given much of his attention to the conduct of his commercial interests. His brother, Richard Young, also figures prominently in connection with public affairs in Buffalo, being the present mayor of the city, while at one time he was a member of the state legislature, and he is also the president of the Wyoming Loan & Trust Company of Buffalo. David Young is likewise interested in financial affairs as a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Buffalo.

In 1903 was celebrated the marriage of David Young and Miss Margaret M. McRae, of Buffalo, Wyoming, and to them have been born two sons, Richard and David K. In politics Mr. Young has always been a stalwart champion of the republican party since becoming a naturalized American citizen. Fraternally he is connected with Anchor Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., and that he has attained high rank in Masonry is indicated in the fact that he has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Sheridan, and is a Knight Templar. He also belongs to Buffalo Lodge, No. 7, K. P., and to Buffalo Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., while he and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational church. They enjoy the warm and well merited regard of those with whom they have been brought in contact.

Mr. Young belongs to that class of representative citizens who have justly won the proud American title of self-made men. He started out in the world empty-handed, and imbued with a laudable ambition, came to the new world to try his fortune. Necessity rendered it imperative that he obtain immediate employment and he utilized any means at hand that would bring him an honest living until he could start in business on his own account. From his initial step his course has been marked by advancement as the result of his close application, ability and trustworthiness and today he is one of the foremost merchants and ranchmen of Johnson county.

GEORGE WHITTEN.

George Whitten is the genial proprietor of the New Kemmerer Theater and is one of the most popular and best known citizens of Lincoln county. He is a theatrical manager of many years' experience, having conducted various theaters and moving picture houses in many sections of the country through a period of fifteen years. This has given to him a knowledge of public wants and demands in this direction and he is giving Kemmerer the best attractions that can be secured in film productions. In the conduct of his business he displays a most enterprising spirit and puts forth every effort to please his patrons, so that success naturally follows.

A native of New York city, Mr. Whitten was born August 31, 1870, a son of George E. and Eliza (Lewis) Whitten, who were also natives of the metropolis and spent their entire lives in New York, where the father engaged in educational work, being a well known figure of New York city for a number of years. He there passed away, as did his wife, who was a lady of culture and refinement, a graduate of one of the best schools of New York. They had a family of six children, of whom George Whitten, of this review, was the second in order of birth. Only three of the family are now living, his sisters being Mrs. Mabel Bishoff and Mrs. Viola Richards, both of New York city.

Through the period of his boyhood George Whitten largely devoted his time and attention to the acquirement of a public school education in New York and

New Jersey and later he made his initial step in the business world in connection with mercantile interests of New York. He was thus employed for five years and then turned his attention to theatrical enterprises and the moving picture business, conducting theaters of that kind very successfully in a number of different places. Finally in his travels in search of a favorable location he arrived in Kemmerer. The town was new and the opportunity for activity in his line of business was promising. He therefore opened what is known as the New Kemmerer Theater in 1910. It is a modern moving picture and vaudeville house with a seating capacity of two hundred and eighty. It has all modern appointments and equipment and the building has been erected especially for theater purposes. Mr. Whitten is conducting a most attractive place of refined amusement, catering to the better class of patrons, and he produces the best pictures which have been put upon the screen, thus bringing before his audience the leading actors and actresses of the country, together with many films that bring one into touch with the places of interest and the scenes of beauty in other lands.

On the 6th of August, 1906, Mr. Whitten was united in marriage to Miss Lucille Hillier, of Nashua, New Hampshire, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hillier, of Lancaster, New Hampshire. They have one child, George Hillier, who was born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, in 1908, and is now a pupil in the Kemmerer schools.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Whitten is an Odd Fellow. In politics he maintains an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than for party, and he has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, which have been carefully directed. He is a believer in the future growth and development of Wyoming and intends to make his home in the state, being now closely allied with the interests of Kemmerer and at all times loyal to those projects which are working for the upbuilding and improvement of the city.

JOSEPH SCHOTT.

One of the attractive commercial houses of Rock Springs is that owned and conducted by Joseph Schott, who carries a well selected line of hardware, furniture, paints, oil, etc. From a humble position in the business world he has worked his way steadily upward and all days in his career have not been equally bright, but his rich inheritance of energy and pluck has enabled him to turn defeat into victory and promised failure into success. His strict integrity and business conservatism have always been uniformly recognized and he has enjoyed public confidence in an enviable degree.

He was born in Baden, Germany, February 20, 1864, a son of the late Andrew Schott, who was also a native of that country, where he successfully followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1867, when he was fifty years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Helen Ochs and she, too, was born, reared and educated in Germany, passing away in 1905 at the age of seventy-two years. Their family numbered five children, two of whom have passed away.

Joseph Schott, who was the fourth in order of birth, pursued his education in the schools of his native land and when sixteen years of age started out to provide for his own support. Thinking that he would have better business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic, he came to America in the year 1879 and located with his mother and the other members of the family at Buffalo, New York. He remained there, however, for but a short period, after which he removed to Farmers Valley, Pennsylvania, where he was employed by his cousin, Ervin Schott, a local brewer, into whose employ he entered with a view of learning the brewer's trade. He remained there for eighteen months, but not liking the business, he abandoned his position and returned to Buffalo, where



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he began work at the butcher's trade. He followed that pursuit in Buffalo and in St. Louis, Missouri, for a number of years, after which he removed westward, taking up his abode at Green River, Wyoming, on the 7th of March, 1885. His financial condition rendered it imperative that he secure immediate employment, which he did with George B. Spinner, a pioneer butcher, with whom he continued for seven months. He was afterward with the Union Pacific Railroad for a similar period, beginning in the fall of 1885, and later he took up his first trade with Karl Spinner, proprietor of the Green River Brewery, for whom he acted as assistant brewmaster, and later became brewmaster in that establishment. He next went with William Weimer and took charge of the Big Horn Hotel at Green River, which he conducted for a year, beginning in 1889. He then left Wyoming and went to the Pacific coast with Seattle, Washington, as his destination. For eighteen months he was engaged in the liquor business in that city and then sold out, removing to Nelson, British Columbia. There he engaged in mining and prospecting but met with no great measure of success in that locality and from Nelson he afterward returned to Spokane, Washington, where he spent the winter. He was later engaged in railroad construction work between Spokane and Canada and in the summer of 1893 he located in Walla Walla, Washington, where he worked in the harvest fields. He also spent some time in North Yakima, Washington, as an employe in the hop fields and later he engaged in construction work on the Northern Pacific Railroad in Washington. Settling in Tacoma, he there spent the winter and in the spring of 1894, when Coxey's army was removing eastward, he returned to Green River, Wyoming, and for a time was employed in the Overland Hotel. He next took work in the repair shops of the Union Pacific Railroad at Green River, where he remained from 1895 until 1900, when he resigned his position and returned to Europe, visiting relatives and friends. When he again came to the new world he regarded Wyoming as his only possible place of residence and made his way to Rock Springs, where he again became connected with the interests of William Weimer. He purchased an interest in the business, which had been originally established in 1895 and which was then conducted under the partnership relation until October, 1910. At that date Mr. Schott purchased Mr. Weimer's interest and has since carried on the business alone.

In his political views Mr. Schott is a socialist. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen of the World. In 1895 his mother returned to Germany, where she remained until her death. Mr. Schott, however, has taken advantage of the business conditions of the new world and the opportunities here offered and, step by step, he has worked his way upward until he is now one of the prosperous merchants of Rock Springs.

THOMAS JUSTIN SWISHER, M. D.

Thoroughly trained for professional activity, Dr. Thomas Justin Swisher, a graduate of Rush Medical College of Chicago, has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Rawlins since 1904 and in the intervening period, covering fourteen years, has developed a practice of large extent and importance.

He was born in Mercer county, Illinois, May 16, 1872, a son of Abram B. Swisher, who was born in Pennsylvania and represented one of the old families of that state, of Swiss descent. The founder of the American branch of the family came to the United States prior to the Revolutionary war, in which six brothers of the name participated, rendering valuable aid in the struggle for independence. In later generations members of the family have largely devoted their attention to professional pursuits, becoming active and prominent in the field of medicine and of law.

Abram B. Swisher was reared and educated in the Keystone state and about 1850 removed to the west, settling in Mercer county, Illinois. He was married in the latter part of the '50s and afterward returned to Pennsylvania, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, carrying on business at Jerseytown, Columbia county. Following the close of the Civil war he disposed of his business in that state and again took up his abode in Mercer county, Illinois, where he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, continuing an active representative of farming interests up to the time of his death, which occurred August 29, 1885, when he had reached the age of fifty-six years. On his first removal to Illinois and prior to his marriage he taught school, taking up the profession when but eighteen years of age. His was an active and useful life, winning for him the honor and respect of all with whom he was associated. His political endorsement was given to the democratic party and he took an active interest in local political affairs and in civic matters, doing all in his power to further the development and upbuilding of city and county and uphold civic standards. He served for thirteen years as county supervisor, his long retention in that office being proof of the capability with which he discharged his duties. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Boruff and was born in Illinois, representing one of the old pioneer families of that state whose ancestry could be traced back to the colonial period of Virginia. Mrs. Swisher was born in 1840 and is still living on the old homestead in Illinois. The Boruffs were of English and Scotch descent. By her marriage Mrs. Swisher became the mother of two sons and four daughters, but one of the sons died at the age of six years. The others are: Lou, the wife of William Mardock, who is a resident of Mercer county, Illinois; Thomas Justin; Elsie, the wife of Henry Noble, also living in Mercer county; Nellie, the wife of Max Colberg, a resident of Mercer county; and Jessie, the wife of Guy C. Mordock, of the same county.

Dr. Swisher was reared and educated in his native county, pursuing his education through the graded and high school and in Valparaiso University of Indiana. With a good literary training as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge, he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree in 1903. In the meantime, however, he had taken up the profession of teaching, which he followed prior and subsequent to the pursuit of his literary education, devoting five years altogether to that branch of professional activity. He regarded it, however, merely as an initial step to other professional lines, and with the desire to become a member of the medical profession, entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago, where he pursued the complete course and thus became well qualified for the practice of medicine and surgery. Following his graduation he accepted the position of assistant surgeon for the Deering harvester works of Chicago, spending nearly a year in that connection, after which he determined to try his fortune in the west and removed to Rawlins, where he arrived on the 5th of March, 1904. Since then he has been in active and continuous practice in this city and his pronounced ability has won for him very gratifying success. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought, research and investigation and is conversant with all those principles which have to do with successful medical practice. He is registered as a physician in Illinois, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah and he belongs to the Wyoming State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has served as county physician of Carbon county, as city physician of Rawlins, attending physician to the state penitentiary and for the past five years has been health officer of Carbon county, while he enjoys a large private practice.

On the 10th of July, 1911, Dr. Swisher was married in Tacoma, Washington, to Miss Louise Marcella Castaing, a native of New York city and a daughter of Louis and Carrie (Stine) Castaing, the former a native of France.

Dr. Swisher is a democrat in his political views and has been an active worker in party ranks, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He was elected a member of the state legislature in 1909

serving for one term, and he has cooperated in many plans and movements to advance the welfare and promote the progress of his state along political and other lines. Fraternally he is connected with the Royal Highlanders and the Modern Woodmen of America. At the present time he is serving upon the local draft board of Carbon county. A thoroughly trained and capable physician, he is well qualified to act in this capacity and to care for the onerous duties of a large practice, having demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate and involved problems that are continually confronting the physician.

WILLIAM H. BRINE.

William H. Brine, deputy warden of the Wyoming State Penitentiary, was born in Calhoun county, Texas, July 8, 1871, a son of John and Katherine (Keenan) Brine, who were natives of the Lone Star state, where they were reared and married. The father became one of the big stockmen and prominent farmers of Texas, where he continued to reside until called to his final rest in 1901. He had long survived his wife, who died in 1880. In their family were two children.

William H. Brine, the younger, spent his boyhood days in Texas and after his textbooks were put aside worked for his father in connection with the cattle industry. After leaving home he was employed as a cowboy on various large ranches and by prominent stockmen in the Panhandle of Texas and in New Mexico, there residing at the time when life was often an exciting experience, owing to the lawlessness of the cowboys and the fact that desperate characters entered the state and seemed to enjoy stirring up trouble in that section. In 1900 Mr. Brine made his way northward to Colorado and began prospecting in the mountains of the northern part of the state. There he located and proved up on some claims, which he was forced to sell in order to raise the necessary funds to meet his immediate expenses. His land has since proven rich in ore and those acquiring it have become wealthy. In 1905 Mr. Brine gave up prospecting and removed to Rawlins. In 1910 he was appointed a guard in the Wyoming State Penitentiary and later was appointed deputy warden. He is a man of cool judgment, is never excited and is splendidly fitted for the responsible position which he holds. He is devoid of all fear and he commands the respect of those who are under restrictions in the penitentiary. They know that while he is not a harsh taskmaster, he will not permit the rules of the institution to be broken.

In June, 1914, Mr. Brine was married to Miss Flora Evans, of Rawlins, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Graves Evans, of Ottawa, Canada. Fraternally Mr. Brine is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His life experiences have been broad and varied, connecting him with many phases of the development of the west, from the cowboy life in the south to the mining experiences of Colorado and now to government service in Wyoming.

JOHN HYNDS, M. D.

Dr. John Hynds, a physician and surgeon practicing in Buffalo, was born in Norborne, Carroll county, Missouri, May 14, 1880, a son of Dr. A. J. Hynds, who is a graduate of Rush Medical College of Chicago of the class of 1871 and now engaged in active practice in Kansas City, Missouri.

The son, Dr. John Hynds of this review, was educated in the Norborne high school and was graduated with the class of 1897 from Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri. He registered as a pharmacist in October, 1900, and spent nine years in the drug business. During that period, in 1904, he entered the

University Medical College at Kansas City, Missouri, in which he prepared for the practice of medicine and surgery, winning the M. D. degree as a member of the class of 1908. He afterward spent a year as interne in the Kansas City General Hospital and six months as assistant house surgeon and also six months on the police ambulance. This broad and varied experience was of the greatest value to him, gaining him knowledge and training that could never be obtained as quickly in any other way. In 1909 he came to Sheridan, Wyoming, and was house surgeon in the Wyoming General Hospital until 1911, when he resigned and went to Chicago, Illinois, for the Burlington Railroad Company. There he was associated with the medical and surgical department of the corporation for a time, but afterward returned to Sheridan and engaged in general practice. In February, 1917, he removed to Buffalo, where he has since been located, and although he has been a resident of the city for little more than a year, he has already won for himself a very substantial practice and has gained recognition among his colleagues and contemporaries as an able member of the profession.

In March, 1913, Dr. Hynds was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Callender, of Galesburg, Illinois, and to them have been born two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Dorothy Alice.

Dr. Hynds is of the Presbyterian faith, while Mrs. Hynds is a member of the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, having membership in Sheridan Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Orient Chapter, No. 102, R. A. M., of Kansas City, Missouri; De Molay Commandery, K. T.; and Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is likewise a member of Galesburg (Ill.) Lodge, No. 894, B. P. O. E. Along strictly professional lines he has connection with the Sheridan County Medical Society and the Wyoming State Medical Society and through the proceedings of these organizations keeps in close touch with the trend of modern professional thought and investigation, while his native powers and talents have placed him in an enviable position in the ranks of the medical profession in Johnson county.

ALBERT P. HEITZ.

The history of Albert P. Heitz is that of a remarkably successful business man, who within a comparatively few years has made for himself a most enviable and creditable position in the commercial circles of Kemmerer, being president of the Kemmerer Hardware & Furniture Company, his associates, like himself, being young men, who, however, are the possessors of broad experience and of much determination and energy. Accordingly a business of large proportions has been built up.

Mr. Heitz was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming, August 22, 1885, a son of W. G. and Serene (Wallace) Heitz, both of whom were natives of Iowa. Removing from Washington, Iowa, they came to Wyoming at an early period in the development of the state. The father later engaged in the meat business for the Frontier Supply Company at Frontier for seventeen years. During the time that he had charge of the meat department he made it a profitable enterprise, bringing to the company a large surplus every year. He resigned this position in order to engage in business with his son at Big-Piney. He still makes his home in Wyoming, residing at Big-Piney at the age of sixty-six years, but his wife passed away in 1899, when forty-six years of age. In their family were six children, one of whom has passed away. The others are: George, living at Superior, Wyoming; Stella, the wife of Dr. Robert Hocker, of Kemmerer; Mrs. Charles Beach, living at Frontier, Wyoming; and Howard, who is a business man of Big-Piney.

The other member of the family is Albert P. Heitz, who, was the fifth in order of birth. In his boyhood days he attended the schools of Rock Springs and of Ogden, Utah, and after his school-days were over went to Frontier,



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Wyoming. He resumed his studies in the high school of Burlington, Iowa, while subsequently he spent two years as a student in the academic department of the University of Wyoming. He then came to Kemmerer and secured a position in the Hoskins mercantile house, with which he remained for three years, and for a year he was connected with the drug store of J. B. Roberts. Later he accepted a position with the Mountain Trading Company of Diamondville, Wyoming, under the management of Mr. Dickey, and there remained for three years, after which he returned to Kemmerer and organized the Kemmerer Hardware & Furniture Company. The business started in February, 1910, under partnership relations, Mr. Heitz being associated in the venture with J. W. Neil under the firm style of Neil & Heitz. At first they had only a stock of hardware, but later Mr. Heitz purchased a five thousand dollar stock of furniture and incorporated the business under the present style of the Kemmerer Hardware & Furniture Company, of which he became the president, with R. H. Embree as vice president and W. J. Witherspoon as secretary. These officers retain their positions and they have developed one of the largest and most representative business enterprises of their section of the state. They further extended the scope of their activities in 1917 by organizing the Up-To-Date Auto Company, the management of which is in the hands of W. J. Witherspoon, secretary and treasurer of the company. They handle the Overland and Ford cars and in two months they sold thirty-five Overlands. They also maintain a Ford garage and their business has reached very gratifying and substantial proportions. Mr. Heitz is vice president of the Up-To-Date Auto Company, with Mr. Embree as the president and Mr. Witherspoon as the secretary.

On the 7th of June, 1910, Mr. Heitz was united in marriage to Miss Dora Sneddon, of Diamondville, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sneddon, of Diamondville, Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Heitz now have two children: William, born October 31, 1912; and Albert, born June 1, 1915.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Heitz is a Mason and he is identified as well with the Chamber of Commerce, being heartily in sympathy with all of its carefully organized plans for the upbuilding of the city, the extension of its trade relations and the maintenance of all those interests which constitute forces in municipal development and progress. He and his wife are very prominent in the social circles of Kemmerer and he has recently erected a most attractive home, which, outside of the lot on which it stands and the furnishings, has cost five thousand dollars. One of its chief features is its warm-hearted hospitality, which is always extended to their many friends. Mr. Heitz well deserves mention in this volume, not only because he is contributing to the commercial development of the state, but also because his record should serve as an inspiration to young men, showing what may be accomplished when determination and ambition point out the way. He has worked upward entirely without assistance from others, and laudable ambition and energy have been the salient points in his successful career.

HERMAN ABRAHAM.

Herman Abraham is the proprietor of the Laramie Steam Laundry & Cleaning plant and is one of the substantial business men of the city whose worth is recognized in his election to the executive committee of the Laramie Chamber of Commerce. He was born in Germany, May 27, 1877, a son of Adolph and Emma (Doekfert) Abraham, who on crossing the Atlantic to America settled in Fremont, Nebraska, where the father engaged in carpentering, there spending his remaining days. His widow is still a resident of Fremont. In their family were seven children, of whom Herman was the fifth in order of birth.

It was during his early childhood that Herman Abraham was brought by his parents to the new world. He attended the schools of Fremont, Nebraska,

and afterward engaged in the railway business as cashier of the Northwestern Railroad at Fremont. At a later period he removed to Mitchell, South Dakota, where he engaged in the laundry business, continuing there for five years. On the expiration of that period he came to Laramie, where he arrived in February, 1912. Here he established a laundry, buying out the firm of Stitche & Sons, since which time he has developed the leading laundry business in this section of the state. Not only does he receive a liberal patronage from his fellow townsmen but also has a large outside trade with surrounding towns along the line of the railway in southern Wyoming. He came to Laramie in search of a location and that he made no mistake in his choice is indicated in the success which has come to him. The volume of business now accorded him is due to his untiring energy and excellent work. He displays close application and unfaltering perseverance in all that he undertakes and he has based his success upon the satisfactory work given to his patrons. He has added many features to his large plant in the way of modern machinery. At one time the entire plant was destroyed by fire and he was compelled to buy outright new machinery and equipment. Today he has one of the model laundries in this state, giving employment to a number of workmen, together with an outside force. He has an up-to-date auto delivery system for the city and everything about the business is conducted according to the most progressive ideas.

On the 23d of September, 1907, Mr. Abraham was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Bergman, of Blair, Nebraska, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bergman, of Blair. They hold membership in the Lutheran church. He is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a prominent and active member of the Chamber of Commerce, in which he is serving as a member of the executive committee, and his alert, enterprising spirit makes him a valued representative of that organization, which is formed to promote the upbuilding and development of the city, to extend its trade relations and to uphold its civic standards.

OSCAR LOUIS HENKEL.

Oscar Louis Henkel, secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Market at Rock Springs, was born at Green River, Sweetwater county, Wyoming, October 16, 1891, a son of the late Ludwig Henkel, who was a native of Germany and came to America in 1885, making his way direct to Green River, where he was successfully engaged in the live stock business and also conducted a liquor business and a sheep ranch. His several interests were carefully managed and brought to him a substantial measure of success. In 1894 he removed to Rock Springs, where he resided until the time of his death, which occurred October 3, 1911, when he had reached the age of fifty-six years. In early manhood he wedded Louise Schneider, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1887, settling in Baltimore, Maryland. There she became the wife of Mr. Henkel. They had been companions in childhood and were educated in the same school. Mrs. Henkel is still living in Rock Springs. By her marriage she became the mother of four children: Louise, who is the wife of O. E. Bradbury, cashier of the First National Bank at Evanston, Wyoming; Helen, who is the wife of Joseph L. Whitman, engaged in the oil business in Casper, Wyoming; Arthur G., who is a law student in the State University of California; and Oscar L., of this review.

The last named was the second in order of birth. He was educated in the public schools of Rock Springs and when fifteen years of age made his initial step in the business world, being first employed in sheep shearing. In 1907 he entered the meat business in connection with the Chicago Meat Market of Rock Springs, with which establishment he was associated until 1915. He learned the trade during that period and afterward removed to Riverton, Wyoming, where he entered business on his own account, conducting a store successfully at that

place for eighteen months. He then sold out and returned to Rock Springs, where he purchased his present business, becoming secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Market, which is one of the best establishments of the kind in the state. It is thoroughly modern and sanitary in equipment and in conduct, and in every particular shows the supervision of a wide-awake, alert and energetic business man. The shop has an output of twenty cattle a month, from forty to fifty sheep and upwards of two thousand pounds of dressed pork and about eight calves. The company also carries a full line of seasonable vegetables and fruit, together with canned goods and canned meats. The meats carried are all home dressed and the company makes it its custom to handle the best of everything. The trade has steadily grown and city markets cannot afford better opportunities for shopping in this connection than can be found at the Pacific Market of Rock Springs.

On the 3d of April, 1916, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Mr. Henkel was married to Miss Elizabeth Lembie Longi, a native of Kemmerer, Wyoming, and a daughter of William Longi, who is now a resident of Astoria, Oregon, but was one of the pioneers of Wyoming. Mr. and Mrs. Henkel have become the parents of a son, Harry Oscar, who was born at Rock Springs, January 11, 1917.

Mr. Henkel maintains an independent course in regard to politics, voting for men and measures rather than party. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Rock Springs, and his religious faith is that of the Congregational church. He is widely known as a progressive and representative business man, his life record being the expression of the dominant spirit of the west. He never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose and regards the obstacles and difficulties in his path rather as an impetus to renewed effort. His life history indicates the fact that it is under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of necessity that the strongest and best in man is brought out and developed. As the years have gone on he has wisely used his opportunities and step by step has worked his way upward until he has reached a most gratifying position among the business men of his section of the state.

GEORGE D. BERCU.

George D. Bercu, president of the Chicago Hide, Fur & Wool House, Incorporated, with headquarters in Douglas, has built up the largest business of this kind west of the Missouri river and has become one of the most prominent representatives of commercial activity in Wyoming. He was born in Roumania on the 21st of September, 1884, a son of Don and Hannah Bercu. The family came to the United States in July, 1904, and settled first at Omaha, Nebraska, where they lived for ten years.

George D. Bercu was a young man of twenty years at the time of the emigration to the new world and had attained the age of thirty years when in 1914 he came to Wyoming. He arrived in this state with a cash capital of three hundred and seventy-five dollars. He chose Douglas as the scene of his future labors and embarked in the hide, fur and wool business, in which he has since continued, gradually building up a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar corporation. His younger brother, Louis D. Bercu, is associated with him. They deal in furs and hides, their products coming principally from the states west of the Missouri river, and through the careful conduct of their interests, their sound judgment and sagacious management they have built up the largest business of the kind west of the Missouri river, their yearly sales amounting to over a million dollars. They employ twelve people all of the time and the employees frequently number eighteen. The company not only handles the raw product but also engages in the manufacture of fur garments which are shipped extensively all over the country.

On the 3d of September, 1916, Mr. Bercu was united in marriage to Miss



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Olive Mistachkin, of Duluth, Minnesota, and to them has been born a daughter, Nina Dorothy. In politics Mr. Bercu maintains an independent course, supporting men and measures rather than party. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is president of the Commercial Club of Douglas, which indicates his high business standing and the recognition on the part of his fellowmen of his ability and enterprise. He is ever looking to the advancement of his community and the extension of its trade relations, and his well defined plans and projects have been carried forward to success. He brings to bear in the discharge of his public duties the same efficiency and thoroughness which characterize the conduct of his private interests, leading to the upbuilding of the extensive business of the Chicago Hide, Fur & Wool House, Incorporated. In addition to his interests in that direction, he is the president of the Safe Investment Oil Company and president of the Reliance Oil Company and has thus become a factor in the development of the oil interests of the state.

His plans are carefully formulated and promptly executed. He seems to have a genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to resistless will power and guided by that quality of common sense which is too often lacking in the business world, this constituting the cause of many a failure. He is forceful and resourceful and as the years have passed on he has made for himself a most enviable and creditable position in the business circles of his state.

HENRY WILLIAM JENSEN.

The spirit of enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the west finds expression in the business record of Henry William Jensen, a member of the Star Grocery Company of Laramie. He was born in Elba, Howard county, Nebraska, April 17, 1888, a son of Chris F. Jensen, a native of Denmark, who came to America about 1865 and first settled at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where he followed agricultural pursuits for four years. He then removed to Nebraska, settling in Howard county, where he again engaged in farming, there remaining until 1908, when he removed to Laramie and became one of the ranchmen of this section of the state. He has been quite successful, winning a place among the men of affluence in Wyoming. In Nebraska he was active in politics as a Bryan democrat and there filled various offices. He married Freda Frederickson, a native of Denmark, who came to America during the early '60s. The wedding was celebrated in Iowa and the mother is also living.

Henry W. Jensen was the sixth in order of birth in their family of nine children. He acquired a public school education in Nebraska and his early life was spent upon the home farm to the age of fourteen years, when he started out on his own account, being first employed as a clerk in a general store at Elba, Nebraska, where he remained for two years, thus acquainting himself with principles of general merchandising. Since 1908 he has been a resident of Laramie, where he arrived a comparative stranger. In connection with C. E. Cady he established his present business and the Star Grocery Company was organized. They have built up an extensive trade in this connection and have one of the leading stores of their section of the state. Their business methods have ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and they have recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. They have therefore put forth earnest and unremitting effort to please their customers and the fine line of goods which they carry, together with their straightforward dealings, have brought to them a very gratifying success.

On the 2d of June, 1909, Mr. Jensen was united in marriage to Miss Elida Peterson, a native of Laramie and a daughter of the late Charles J. Peterson, who was a pioneer merchant tailor of this city. Her mother, Mrs. Wilma Peterson, is still living.

In his political views Mr. Jensen is a republican but not an office seeker. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in all those forces and projects which have to do with the upbuilding and development of his city, the extension of its trade relations and the upholding of its civic standards. He is one of the progressive business men of the west and his advancement is due entirely to his close application, his unabating energy and his industry that never flags. Starting out in life for himself at the age of fourteen years, he has steadily worked his way upward and each forward step in his career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

JACOB SHERMAN.

Active among the sagacious, enterprising and determined business men of Cheyenne, whose labors are constituting a most important element in the substantial growth of the city, is Jacob Sherman, conducting business as a wholesale and retail dealer in paints and wall paper under the name of the Sherman Company. He has a splendidly equipped establishment of this kind and his business has reached large and gratifying proportions. Mr. Sherman is a native of Hungary, born on the 1st of May, 1872, and is a son of Judah and Mary Sherman. The mother is now living but the father has passed away.

In the public schools of his native country Jacob Sherman pursued his education to the age of fourteen years and then crossed the Atlantic to America, taking up his abode in Circleville, Ohio, where he continued his studies but at an early age also became an active factor in the business world. He was employed in various ways there. He had to learn the English language and make his own way in the world. Although he had to overcome obstacles and difficulties that do not confront many boys, by reason of his unfamiliarity with the speech of the country, he nevertheless progressed, recognizing that unabating industry is the basis of advancement that leads ultimately to success. He came to the west in 1894, taking up his abode in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He had previously learned the painter's trade in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but he came to Wyoming with the United States army and when he had received an honorable discharge he resolved to ally his interests with those of the western country and became connected with business affairs in Cheyenne in 1897. He again joined the army in 1898 as a volunteer in the First Battalion, Wyoming Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Spanish-American war and was on duty for seventeen months in the Philippine islands with the rank of corporal, or until his regiment returned. He then reentered business ranks and has continued in active connection with the commercial interests of the city to the present time.

On the 15th of November, 1899, Mr. Sherman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Aman and they have become the parents of four children: Herman S., attending the U. of M.; and Sadie, Julia and Ruth.

Mr. Sherman has exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party since becoming a naturalized American citizen and has been an active worker in party ranks because of his firm belief in its principles. In 1909 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and then after two years out of office was again chosen to the position in 1913. He proved himself an able member of the general assembly, carefully considering the questions which came up for settlement, and he was identified with much important constructive legislation. He has also served as chairman of the city central committee and has been a very active and earnest worker in local affairs, his aid and influence being always on the side of those interests which tend to advance civic virtue and civic pride. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Industrial Club and the United Spanish War Veterans. His religious faith is that of the Jewish people and he is ever loyal to the principles which he

espouses. He is president of the local Jewish congregation and has served for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Sherman is truly a self-made man and one who deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. Starting out in life on his own account when but a young lad, he has since depended entirely upon his own resources and step by step has worked his way upward, his power and ability increasing through the exercise of effort until he is today one of the foremost merchants of his state. Moreover, he has proven his loyalty to his adopted country through active military service and he is ever as true and faithful to American interests as when he followed the stars and stripes at the call of military authority.

J. E. HANWAY.

On the list of capable newspaper men of Wyoming appears the name of J. E. Hanway, who is proprietor of the Casper Daily Tribune, published at Casper. A native of Indiana, he was born in Greensburg, that state, June 25, 1866, his parents being Israel G. and Martha Hanway, who were natives of Kentucky but removed to Indiana in early life. The ancestry of the family is traced back to Jonas Hanway, who is mentioned in the history of London as being the first man to appear on the streets of London carrying an umbrella. This was in the sixteenth century.

J. E. Hanway, whose name introduces this record, acquired his education in the public schools of Topeka, Kansas, and in the school of actual experience, where he learned valuable lessons. Starting out in life, he held a government position in the postoffice department through the first five years of his business career. He then entered the newspaper field, becoming connected with the circulation department of the Kansas City Star when that paper was a very small factor in the community. He was afterward employed by different newspapers in Kansas City for several years and then accepted a position with the business and circulation department of the Topeka State Journal, one of the great papers of Kansas. After five years' connection with that paper he embarked in business on his own account, leasing a newspaper at Horton, Kansas, which proved to him that there was no money in working on a salary for anyone. He then decided to go west and in 1905 closed out his business in Horton and started for Wyoming, having in mind the purchase of a newspaper in that great young state. While en route he stopped in Denver and became identified with a number of Colorado newspapers, with which he was associated at different periods. In 1907 he went to Utah and Nevada as a representative of one of the Denver dailies. When the gold field boom subsided in 1907 he purchased a half interest in a weekly paper published at Richfield, Utah, but sold this inside of six months at a handsome profit. He then entered the field and followed the vocation of buying run-down newspapers and building them up, after which he would sell at top prices. At one time he was the owner of five different newspapers, four weeklies and a daily, which were all put on a firm basis and sold at a good advance over the original price which he paid for them. After nine years he arrived in Casper, Wyoming, in October, 1914, and purchased the Natrona County Tribune, which at that time was the leading weekly newspaper of Casper. It was at that period that the city was just beginning to throw off its swaddling clothes and take on the robes of a city of twenty-five hundred people. From the beginning it was evident that Mr. Hanway had at last found the location for which he was looking, and from the progress and success of the Tribune it was evident that Casper was looking for Mr. Hanway, as under his ownership the paper has now developed into one of the leading journals of Wyoming. The plant has been enlarged until today it is one of the most complete in the state, occupying handsome quarters in the new Oil Exchange building. The Tribune is now published daily under the name of the Casper Daily Tribune. The plant is equipped with three of the latest improved linotype



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machines, a Goss Comet web perfecting press and all the latest machinery used in the production of a first-class daily newspaper. In addition to his newspaper interests Mr. Hanway is a director and the treasurer of the Out West Petroleum Company, is the president of the New England Wyoming Oil Company and a director in the Wyoming Kentucky Petroleum Company, so that he has become closely associated with the development of oil properties in this section.

On the 18th of September, 1888, in Topeka, Mr. Hanway was united in marriage to Miss Effie E. Grice, a daughter of John Grice, who was at one time prominent in republican politics of Shawnee county, Kansas, having been honored by his party with the office of sheriff. Mrs. Hanway was born and reared in Kansas and lived on a farm near Topeka until fifteen years of age, when she removed to Topeka, which was her home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Hanway have two children: Earl E., who wedded Miss Sunshine Perry, of Denver; and Isabel Martha Dorothy, who is now a first-year student in the Casper high school.

In politics Mr. Hanway is a republican. He has never held public office of any kind, as he has always found plenty to do in his chosen profession. He has, however, recently become interested in the oil game in Wyoming and is at the head of several very promising companies that are becoming factors in the development of the oil regions of the west.

WILLET L. ROBERTSON.

There are no cities which depend upon a single line of business for existence, even those which have grown up about a great industrial plant, for the demands of modern civilization are varied and the progressive community is that in which are to be found all lines of modern business, each under the direction of a wide-awake, alert and progressive manager. In Rawlins, Willet L. Robertson has won for himself a creditable place as a leading merchant, being now actively and successfully engaged as optician and jeweler.

He was born in Indianola, Iowa, July 31, 1883, a son of William Robertson, who belonged to an old Ohio family of Scotch lineage founded in America prior to the Revolutionary war. He turned his attention to the milling business and became an early settler of Warren county, Iowa, where he established his home in the early '60s. He passed away in Indianola, Iowa, in 1895, when sixty-one years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Lovina Kimball and was born in Ohio, belonging to a pioneer family of that state, also of Scotch origin. Mrs. Robertson still survives and is living in the old home at Indianola, Iowa.

Willet L. Robertson was the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and after his textbooks were put aside started out to earn his own living when a youth of fifteen years. He entered upon an apprenticeship to learn the jeweler's trade, which he afterward followed as a journeyman for twelve years, and during that period he was associated with leading jewelers in Des Moines, Oskaloosa, Davenport and other Iowa cities. He removed to the west in 1911, establishing his home in Rawlins, where he opened his present store. He has since been engaged in the jewelry trade and as optician and in point of business has one of the leading jewelry shops in the county. His store is thoroughly modern in every detail and he carries an attractive line of jewelry and precious stones. He is watch inspector for the Union Pacific and has built up a private patronage of substantial proportions, his business growing continuously as the years go by, the public recognizing the integrity of his methods and the enterprise which actuates him in all business connections.

In Rawlins, on the 15th of February, 1917, Mr. Robertson was married to Miss Elizabeth Niland, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Niland, who were early settlers of this state. Mr. Robertson is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge and to the commandery. He is also identified with the Benevolent Pro-

tective Order of Elks. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, which he has supported by his ballot since reaching adult age. He started out in life a poor boy without capital and today he is one of the progressive merchants of Rawlins, his success being the legitimate outcome of his persistent effort, intelligently directed. He has social qualities which have won for him warm friendships, while his business discernment and enterprise have placed him with the leading merchants of his adopted city.

HUGO DONZELMANN.

Hugo Donzelmann is one of the prominent and distinguished attorneys of Cheyenne who since 1882 has engaged in the practice of law, and in a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has gained a place in the front rank. His life experiences have been varied. If one could turn back the hourglass of time to about the year 1865 they might find Hugo Donzelmann blacking boots in St. Louis in order to provide for his own support. From early youth he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources and though many difficulties have beset him at various points in his career, he has ever been actuated by a laudable ambition and an honorable purpose that have brought him eventually to the prominent position which he occupies today as a representative of the Wyoming bar. He was born in Germany on the 23d of August, 1848, and is a son of Henry and Charlotte (Herold) Donzelmann, whose family numbered two sons and five daughters, Hugo being the second in order of birth. The father was an expert railroad accountant. Both he and his wife have long since passed away.

Hugo Donzelmann obtained his first education in the schools of Germany up to the time when he came to the United States, establishing his home in St. Louis. As previously stated, he engaged in blacking boots on the streets of that city and in four weeks earned four dollars and eighty cents. Being thrown upon his own resources, he worked at anything that he could do to make an honest living and was employed in various ways until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he joined the United States Army. He served through the Indian wars in California until 1869, when, at the age of twenty-one years, he went to Alexandria, Virginia, and entered upon the study of law, for he had determined to make the practice of that profession his life work. All through his previous experience he was learning many valuable lessons of life, and his ambition, as the result of his keen observation, prompted him to prepare for a professional career. In 1873 he came to Wyoming and took up his abode in Cheyenne, where he engaged in bookkeeping and other mercantile pursuits until he had accumulated a sufficient sum of money with which to build a home. In the meantime he studied law when the opportunity offered and on the 22d of May, 1882, he prepared for admission to the bar, passed the required examination and was admitted to practice.

Advancement at the bar is proverbially slow and yet no dreary novitiate awaited Hugo Donzelmann. He had already developed those powers which make for success in any legitimate walk of life. He recognized the necessity for care and thoroughness in the preparation of his cases and he never entered the courts until well qualified to defend his own position as well as to attack the position of his legal adversary. For two terms he filled the position of attorney general of Wyoming and then, because of the failing health of his wife, he sought a change of scene and climate and in order to obtain the best medical skill he applied to the government for the position of consul at Prague, Bohemia. He received the appointment in July, 1897, and when, under the excellent medical treatment there received, his wife had recovered her health, he resigned on the 20th of May, 1901, his resignation to take effect in September of that year. He then returned to Cheyenne, where he resumed the private practice of his



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profession. His record as consul was such that the government has on five different occasions offered him other appointments, but he has preferred to remain in the private practice of law and has therefore declined the offices tendered him. While in Prague, Mr. Donzelmann was instrumental in unearthing the fact that the Austrian government was furnishing arms and ammunition to Spain, which was then at war with the United States. This discovery was of the most vital importance to the country, and in other ways he also rendered valuable service to the United States. With his return to this land, which is the land of his adoption but also the land of his love and of his allegiance, he resumed the practice of law. Many men who have become prominent representatives of the legal profession in various sections of the country have had their early training in Mr. Donzelmann's office. During his practice he has conducted important litigated interests in the federal and state courts with gratifying success, winning well earned fame and distinction. While he possesses much natural ability, he has always been a hard student and has never been content until he has mastered every detail of his cases. He gives to his clients and to his profession a most unqualified allegiance and has ever been an able, faithful and conscientious minister in the temple of justice.

On the 22d of November, 1871, Mr. Donzelmann was married to Miss Anna Mack, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who passed away on the 1st of December, 1913. In Masonic circles he is well known as a member of lodge and chapter and he also has membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Army & Navy Union. He has been most interested in the state and its development, giving active aid to many projects for municipal progress and for the upbuilding of the interests of the commonwealth. He is a great believer in thorough Americanism, in the lofty standards of the country, and he stands as a splendid type of American manhood and chivalry.

JOHN J. FIFE.

John J. Fife is engaged in the plumbing, heating and sheet metal business at Evanston. He was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1868, a son of Joseph and Mary (Bell) Fife, both of whom were natives of Scotland. They came to America in early life and settled in Pennsylvania, where the father engaged in mining. After some years he removed to Wyoming in 1870 and turned his attention to railroad work, with the Union Pacific. Later he engaged in coal mining and in quartz mining at Park City, Utah, and afterward he became a resident of Evanston, Wyoming, where he is now living retired. During a portion of his residence in Evanston he has served as marshal and as jailer and in other public offices. He has now reached the age of seventy-four years and his wife is living at the age of seventy-five.

John J. Fife, of this review, was the second in order of birth in that family. In his youthful days he was a pupil in the public schools of Evanston, after which he learned the sheet metal and plumber's trade and eventually started in business on his own account. He was engaged in that way in various parts of western Wyoming for ten years, but in 1900 returned to Evanston, where he opened his present establishment, which he has since successfully carried on. He has done most of the plumbing and sheet metal work in the modern buildings of the city and his work has at all times proven highly satisfactory to his patrons.

Mr. Fife resides at home with his mother. He was reared as a member of a large family, but three of the daughters died in early life and one son has also passed away. Those who are still living are: Thomas, George and Alex, all of Evanston; Fred, living in Salt Lake City; Mrs. Mary Lake, of Evanston; and John J., of this review.

In his political views John J. Fife is a stalwart republican, having given

support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of The Maccabees. His business record is that of a self-made man. He started out empty-handed, working his way upward entirely through persistency of purpose and indefatigable energy, and today he is one of the progressive and representative business men and citizens of his part of the state.

I. S. BARTLETT.

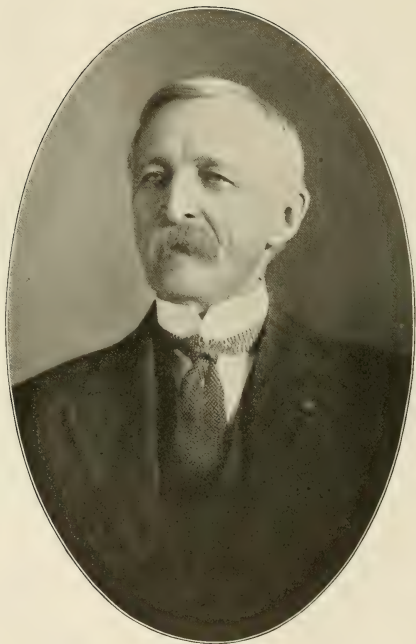
• In his eightieth year, but robust, active and at the zenith of his extraordinary intellectual powers, I. S. Bartlett is one of the remarkable men of Wyoming. Having survived by almost a decade the Scriptural limitation of three score years and ten, and in age a score of years beyond the point at which a majority of men retire from active participation in business affairs, he yet enjoys excellent health, holds an important position under the state of Wyoming and is carrying on intellectual work which well might be trying to one of half his age. Having lived forty years in Wyoming, he is most eminently qualified to write the history of this great state.

Ichabod S. Bartlett was born at Amesbury, Massachusetts, in 1838, seven years before the Mexican war. He was twenty-three years of age when the Civil war began, and twenty-four years old when he enlisted, in August, 1862, in the Tenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, for service in behalf of his country in that memorable struggle. He continued in the Union army until 1868, serving, after the end of active fighting, as paymaster in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. In 1878 he came to Wyoming, which since has been his home, in the capacity of military storekeeper at Camp Carlin, near Cheyenne. From that time until the present he constantly has been connected with important development projects, business enterprises and public offices. His newspaper experience, which began in 1888, has been constantly broadening, he having been associated in numerous capacities with Wyoming publications and having contributed extensively to magazines of national circulation. His articles dealing with historical events, and his scientific papers, have been widely quoted. In 1906, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, he became managing editor of the Cheyenne Leader, a daily newspaper, and the brilliant editorial work which he did during the ensuing two years set a new mark in Wyoming journalism. At the present time he is secretary of the Wyoming Humane Society, a position in which he has done a great deal of valuable work, at the same time continuing his literary labors.

Mr. Bartlett's varied and interesting career as soldier, war correspondent, editor, miner, and pioneer of the mountain west, reads like a romance.

He enlisted as a private, was made sergeant major of his regiment before it left the state, and was promoted to a lieutenantcy in the field at Spottsylvania, Virginia. Soon after he was assigned to the pay department, with headquarters at St. Louis, Missouri, and was sent to Vicksburg, where he was on duty during the memorable siege of that city by Grant's army. After the capture of Vicksburg he was ordered to Santa Fe, New Mexico, and made the trip across the plains over the old Santa Fe trail in the winter of 1864.

From Santa Fe he was sent to El Paso, Texas, and while at that place was appointed acting collector of customs. While in this service, President Juarez of Mexico, with his cabinet, military staff and small army, retiring before the forces of Maximilian, made old El Paso (now Juarez) across the Rio Grande the capital of the Mexican republic for a period of ten months. During this time Mr. Bartlett became an acquaintance and warm friend of Mexico's greatest hero and statesman. In the November number of the Pan-American Magazine of 1914 is an article giving Mr. Bartlett's personal recollections of President Juarez, which is not only valuable historically, but deeply interesting.



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MRS. I. S. BARTLETT

He returned to the states in 1869 and for several years engaged in business in Chicago. In 1878 he was appointed military storekeeper at Camp Carlin, near Cheyenne. This was at that time the largest military supply depot in the western country, being the source of supplies for the army posts of the northwest and for expeditions and campaigns against various Indian tribes.

In 1881, the Indian troubles having practically ceased, the depot was discontinued and Mr. Bartlett engaged in mining operations in the Hartville district, first giving his attention to copper and afterwards to iron mining. He was the first to locate and operate iron mines in the famous deposits of the Hartville-Sunrise district, which is now claimed to contain over five million tons of high grade Bessemer ore worth one dollar per ton in the ground. In connection with his sons he opened up the limestone quarries of the district and thus established one of the great and growing industries of our state.

He first gave to the world the story of the remarkable prehistoric remains once known as the "Spanish Diggings," but found on investigation to be the most ancient aboriginal quarries on this continent. His efforts brought the most noted scientists and ethnologists of the country to explore and report on these mysterious fields, which many believe belong to the stone age.

While working as a pioneer in prospecting and developing the resources and industries of a new state his pen has not been idle. He has written many valuable papers relating to the early history of Wyoming and the wonderful undeveloped resources of the states of the mountain and plain, some of which have been published by the national government as senate and house documents. He has also been active in public affairs. In 1882 he was elected a member of the house of representatives and in 1891 he was elected chief clerk of the house. In all the positions he has held, public or private, he has acquitted himself with honor and ability, and it may be said of him, as of one of Shakspeare's characters:

"Age cannot wither nor custom stale his infinite variety."

MRS. I. S. BARTLETT.

One of the most distinguished of the women of Wyoming and intimately connected with its territorial and state history for nearly forty years was Mrs. I. S. Bartlett, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Bartlett came to Wyoming with her husband in August, 1878, and died in Cheyenne, April 16, 1918.

Mary Jane (Eastman) Bartlett, was born in Chicago on the spot where the Tribune building now stands, November 17, 1847. Her father was Zebina Eastman, a prominent antislavery reformer and editor and a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, who appointed him United States consul at Bristol, England, in August, 1861.

Mrs. Bartlett spent eight years in England, where she pursued her studies under special tutors. She became especially proficient in literature and the study of French, Spanish and Italian and in her early married life read and translated many works in these languages simply as a diversion in household duties.

She has been a notable figure in Wyoming history, in wide activities connected with public affairs, social reforms and in club and church life. At the time of her death she was secretary of the Women's Civic League and vice president of the Associated Charities and a very prominent and active worker in these organizations.

She was a member and former regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the King's Daughters, the Whittier Club, the Priscilla Club, of the Hospital Aid Society, of the Congregational Aid, the Red Cross and numerous other organizations. Her unremitting work for and devotion to Red Cross duties preceded the break down of her health and fatal sickness.

Although always unassuming and unobtrusive, her bright intellect and fresh interest in public affairs gave her the distinction of being the first woman in

this country to be nominated for the United States senate by a legislative caucus. At the same legislative session she was nominated and elected chief enrolling clerk of the house, and was the first enrolling clerk of the state to adopt typewriting in the enrolling of bills.

She was the first woman in the United States to organize a woman's political club and was unanimously elected its first president. That was in 1892. In 1893 she was appointed by the federal government to act as woman commissioner from Wyoming to the Columbian exposition at Chicago and filled the position with distinguished ability during the whole term of the exposition. On the celebration of Wyoming's entrance into statehood July, 1890, she was selected as poet of the occasion and contributed a beautiful poem entitled "The True Republic," beginning:

"The first republic of the world
Now greets the day, its flag unfurled
To the pure mountain air."

This poem is published in full in that part of this history relating to the celebration of the state's entrance into statehood.

At her death, Mrs. Bartlett was seventy years and five months old, and up to the time of her last sickness was an active leader in the intellectual and moral development of the state, and gave the best of her remarkable talents in aid of humanitarian and civic reforms, while her private life was full of deeds of charity.

She was survived by a brother, Judge Sidney C. Eastman, of Chicago; three sons, Sidney E., William A. and Albert B.; and a daughter, Edna S. Bartlett. All are residents of Cheyenne, except William A., who lives in Pocatello, Idaho.

The Cheyenne Leader, referring to the death of Mrs. Bartlett, editorially, says:

"Wyoming can ill afford to lose such noble women as Mrs. I. S. Bartlett. They occupy a niche in the state's history entirely apart from the deeds of the more rugged men who helped to build this barren wilderness into a thriving community of cities and towns.

Mrs. Bartlett lived a rich and useful life, devoting almost all the time she could spare from her home affairs to civic and club duties of city and state. And she was a pioneer in more than one sense, for she was the first woman to be nominated for the United States senate by a legislative caucus and was the first woman in the country to organize a woman's political club.

Throughout a long, active career she became known for her untiring zeal in the cause of better government, better citizenship and civic and social reforms. It was, perhaps, characteristic of her devotion to duty that she so impaired her health by unflagging attention to her Red Cross work that her last illness found her unable to resist its inexorable claim. * * * She died, as she had lived, in the service of her state and country."

WILSON S. KIMBALL, JR.

Wilson S. Kimball, Jr., is numbered among the capable officials of Natrona county, where he is filling the office of county assessor, making his home in Casper. He was born October 20, 1893, a son of Wilson S. and Edness J. (Merrick) Kimball.

The son was reared under the parental roof and pursued his education in the public schools at Casper, Wyoming, until he had completed the high school course, after which he became a student in the Staunton Military Academy of Staunton, Virginia. He was there graduated in 1912 and returned to Wyoming, where he has since remained. In the year 1916 he was named as candidate for the office of county assessor on the democratic ticket and was elected to that position, in which he is now creditably serving, discharging his duties in a most systematic, prompt and capable manner.

In 1914 Mr. Kimball was united in marriage to Miss Nell Grieve and they have a daughter, Jeannette Edness, who was born March 1, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball are consistent members of the Episcopal church, in the work of which they are helpfully interested.

Mr. Kimball belongs to the Pioneer Association of Wyoming, having spent his entire life in this state. He is imbued in all that he does by the spirit of western enterprise and progress and is numbered among that class of citizens who have been the builders of a great western empire, introducing here all of the advantages and opportunities of the older east.

FRED W. RENDLE.

Fred W. Rendle is conducting business under the name of Rendle's Drug Store, and as such is proprietor of one of the best equipped pharmacies not only in Rawlins but in the entire state. He was born in Campbellsford, Ontario, Canada, December 9, 1883, and was a pupil in the public and high schools of Campbellsford. When his textbooks were put aside he entered upon an apprenticeship in a drug store and thoroughly acquainted himself with the trade. In 1901 he arrived in Rawlins, where he engaged in clerking in a drug store until 1912. He then embarked in business on his own account and has built up a trade which has reached extensive proportions. He has today one of the finest pharmacies in all Wyoming. He has recently installed new showcases and fine store fixtures and has an extensive stock of drugs, stationery and photo supplies. He also has a large cigar and soda water trade and has equipment of the best along those lines. In fact, the fixtures of his establishment are unsurpassed in the state and the store is most attractive in its appearance, while the business methods pursued by the proprietor commend him to the continued confidence and support of the public.

Fraternally Mr. Rendle is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, giving unfaltering allegiance to the craft and its purposes. He is of the Episcopal faith in his religious belief.

C. A. MOYER.

C. A. Moyer is one of the well known cattle men of Campbell county. He makes his home in Gillette but has extensive ranch interests in the state, owning fourteen hundred acres in Campbell county, together with a ranch of eight hundred and forty acres in Crook county. He is now concentrating his efforts and attention upon cattle raising and his business affairs are wisely and carefully directed, bringing him a notable measure of success. His present place of residence is far removed from the place of his birth, for he is a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania. He was born September 3, 1852, of the marriage of Levi and Elvina (Diefenderfer) Moyer, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state, where they spent their entire lives, the father there following the occupation of carpentering.

C. A. Moyer acquired a common school education in Pennsylvania and the period of his boyhood and youth passed without event of special importance. He learned the business of telegraphy and in 1876 he went to Long Island and for several years was an operator on the Long Island Railroad. He was also employed in a similar capacity in New York city, but in 1884 illness caused him to return home and the following year he made his way westward to Wyoming, settling on the Little Powder river in Crook county, in that section which is now Campbell county. He preempted one hundred and sixty acres of land and after proving up on that property he filed on a homestead adjoining his preemption and in sub-



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sequent years he added to his holdings by additional purchase until his home ranch today comprises fourteen hundred acres of rich and valuable land. He has also made investment in a ranch of eight hundred and forty acres in Crook county and through the intelligent direction of his business affairs he has become recognized as one of the foremost live stock raisers of this section of the state. In former years he devoted his attention largely to raising horses but since 1900 has concentrated his efforts upon cattle raising and is one of the best known cattle men of Campbell county. He resides upon his ranch during the summer months, but in the winter seasons the family home is maintained in Gillette in order that the son may have the advantages of the city schools. Aside from his ranching interests Mr. Moyer is a stockholder in the Bank of Gillette and is serving on its board of directors.

In 1900 Mr. Moyer was united in marriage to Miss Luella Hadley, of Tipton, Indiana, and to them has been born one child, Leslie Franklin. Mr. Moyer, W. P. Ricketts and A. M. Carey were the first county commissioners elected when Campbell county was organized, it being established by a division from Crook county.

He holds membership in Gillette Lodge, No. 28, A. F. & A. M., of which he has served as master. His wife is a member of the Christian Science church. They are both widely known and highly esteemed throughout Campbell county and the business interests of Mr. Moyer have been a contributing factor to the development and progress of his section of the state.

CAMPBELL HOLT McWHINNIE.

Among those who are winning success through operations in the oil fields of Wyoming, developing the natural resources of the state in this connection and thus contributing to general prosperity as well as to individual success is Campbell Holt McWhinnie, who was born at Bushey Heath, England, on the 7th of September, 1860, a son of John and Mary A. (King) McWhinnie, both of whom have passed away. Their son, Campbell H., was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters.

He was educated in the schools of England, of Italy and of Germany, enjoying liberal advantages, and later he went to sea as an apprenticed seaman on the Elder Line of boats, with which he was connected for five years. He later spent one year in New Zealand, and in 1886 arrived in Wyoming, taking up his abode at Sherman. He was engaged in ranching at Laramie Peak for some time, there remaining until 1905, when he removed to Douglas and became identified with the development of the oil fields. Mr. McWhinnie is one of the pioneer operators in the oil fields of Wyoming. He early had the prescience to discern what the future held in store for the state in this connection and he became associated with others in the organization of the Cheyenne River Oil Company and also the Glenhurst Oil Company. Since that time he has been most active in the development of the oil regions and has thus contributed much to the wealth of the state, at the same time largely advancing his possibilities of individual fortune. He was likewise active in the Brennan basin in drilling wells and succeeded in getting oil there in 1905. He is thoroughly familiar with the development of the oil interests of the state from the earliest point of operation in the oil fields and no man is able to speak with greater authority upon the resources of the state in this connection.

On the 16th of December, 1896, Mr. McWhinnie was united in marriage to Miss Carrie J. Pollard and they have become the parents of four sons and two daughters, of whom Charles J. is an alternate for Annapolis. Mr. McWhinnie is a democrat in his political views and an active worker in party ranks. He has served as chairman of the democratic committee of Converse county and does everything in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of

his party. He has served for two terms as county treasurer of Converse county and has also occupied the position of mayor of Douglas, in which connection he gave to the city a businesslike and progressive administration. He is a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he is also connected with the K. C. C. H. He is likewise a director of the Commercial Club and in connection with that organization is cooperating heartily in all well defined plans and measures for the upbuilding of the city, for the extension of its trade relations and the upholding of its civic standards. He is a public-spirited man, greatly respected by all who know him, and his business career should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what can be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do and is not afraid to venture where favoring opportunity points out the way.

WILLIAM WILEY PATERSON.

The business center of Rock Springs is most attractive to those who delight in the spirit of enterprise which characterizes the western cities. One of the excellent commercial interests of the town is the hardware and general sporting goods store of William Wiley Paterson, who is actuated in all that he does by a spirit of energy and determination that never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose.

He was born in Blythe, England, March 16, 1860, a son of John L. Paterson, who was born in the north of Scotland, May 20, 1830, and after living for a time in England crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making his way to Rock Springs in 1874. He had first located in Pennsylvania in 1864 and was there engaged in coal mining for a decade, after which he came to the west, attracted by the opportunities of this great and growing section of the country. He resumed coal mining at Rock Springs, devoting three years to that business, after which he returned to the middle west, settling in Boone county, Iowa, where he carried on farming. He was actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in that section until 1910, when he again came to Rock Springs, where he is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life. He is in good health for one of his advanced years and is one of the valued and respected residents of his adopted city. For many years while living in Iowa he filled the office of justice of the peace and he has occupied other political positions, the duties of which he discharged with marked promptness and fidelity. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party since he became a naturalized American citizen. He married Eleanore Willey, a native of England, in which country they were married, and after her husband had come to the new world and made preparations for a home she followed him with their family to the United States. They became the parents of twelve children, nine of whom are yet living.

William W. Paterson was the fourth in order of birth and after coming to the new world he pursued his education in the public schools of Pennsylvania, but when only twelve years of age was obliged to start out in the business world in order to provide for his own support. He was first employed at pumping water in a mine with a hand pump and for this work received a dollar per day. He later secured a situation at coal mining and was thus engaged from 1872 until 1880. In 1875 he became a resident of Rock Springs, arriving on the 15th of June of that year. He at once found employment in the mines of the Union Pacific Coal Company as a mule driver and remained in the employ of the railroad company in that connection from 1875 until 1877. He, too, then went to Iowa and was connected with the Northwestern Coal Company at Moingona, Boone county, Iowa, for about two years. In 1879, however, he went to Leadville, Colorado, where he was employed in the silver mines, representing the Carbon Hill Mining Company. After four months, however, he returned to



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Rock Springs and again became connected with the Union Pacific Coal Company, with which he continued from the fall of 1879 until April, 1880. He then took up work as a switchman in the yards of the Union Pacific Railway Company at Rock Springs and worked as a switchman and brakeman until April, 1884, when he met with an accident that resulted in the loss of part of his left foot and he also had to have a bone removed from his left arm, leaving him little use of the latter member. After recovering his normal health he was made a night watchman by the Union Pacific Coal Company, which position he held until the fall of 1884, when he was elected county assessor of Sweetwater county, in which position he served for six years. He was first elected on an independent republican ticket and for the next two terms was elected on the regular republican ticket. He made an excellent record in that position, being very thorough and systematic in the discharge of all of his duties, and the methods which he followed brought excellent results, which received the endorsement of the general public, as shown in the fact that he was three times chosen by popular suffrage to that position. He has always taken an active interest in politics and civic affairs and he served as justice of the peace by appointment from 1893 until 1895. He is now concentrating his attention and energies upon commercial interests as proprietor of a hardware and general sporting goods business in Rock Springs and he is also a skilled mechanic, displaying expert knowledge along mechanical and electrical lines.

Mr. Paterson has been married twice. In June, 1882, at Ogden, Utah, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Queen, a native of Scotland, who passed away, and in October, 1893, at Rock Springs, he wedded Miss Mary Dixon, a native of England. He is very prominent in the Knights of Pythias, has served as master of exchequer and has filled all the chairs in the order, including that of supreme representative, in which position he continued for four years, being elected in 1913, his term expiring in December, 1917. He has been most helpful in the work of the organization and exemplifies in his life the high principles which underlie the society. Mr. Paterson is highly esteemed as a man and as a citizen, while in business circles he has made for himself a creditable position. His fellow townsmen speak of him in terms of high regard and there is much in his life record that is commendable and worthy of emulation.

WILLIAM A. JOHNSON.

William A. Johnson is filling the office of postmaster at Green River. He represents one of the old and prominent pioneer families of Wyoming. He was born May 25, 1882, a son of William A. and Ellen (Larsen) Johnson.

The father, a native of Texas, left home when thirteen years of age and went to California, then to Montana and then to Wyoming, making the journey across the country long before the railroad had been built to Green River. This section was a wild and undeveloped region in which lawless characters were prevalent, some coming by choice, while others had come to evade the officers of the law in the big cities of the east. It was into such an environment that William A. Johnson, Sr., was thrown upon his removal to the west and he soon became an adept pistol and rifle shot. As he grew to manhood he became acquainted with a number of the notorious characters of the west, but he soon learned how to protect himself and also how to protect the interests of the community. He stood strongly for law and order and by reason of the attitude which he took he was elected sheriff of Sweetwater, Carbon and Uinta counties, in which connection he was frequently called upon to arrest some desperate character, a cattle rustler or stage robber or holdup man of the worst type. He never failed to perform the duties entrusted to him and on several occasions had to resort to extreme measures to avoid being killed himself. One notable instance in which he did his extreme duty and for which he received the highest

praise from officials of the railroads and the governor of the state was when he, single-handed, fought a pistol duel with a bandit and murderer known by the name of Mountain Jack, who bore a well known reputation for brutality, with willingness to kill at the slightest provocation. He had slain twenty victims prior to meeting the same fate at the hands of W. A. Johnson. This ruffian had sworn to kill Johnson on sight and was quartered in a cabin with several other men, including Archie Blair and his brother, and a man named Jackson. Mr. Johnson was told by friendly Indians that Mountain Jack had threatened to kill him and was therefore on his guard. This Mountain Jack recognized, and he made a proposition to Mr. Johnson that he go in league with him to kill the other men and take the horses and equipment. Mr. Johnson told him to give him until morning to think the matter over and that he would let him know in the morning. Before he was given an answer, while two of the men had gone after their horses, Mountain Jack showed indications of putting his murderous scheme into effect. The other men, not being aware of conditions, were helpless, and Mr. Johnson in order to save their lives and possibly his own, drew his revolver and shot Mountain Jack, killing him instantly. Mountain Jack was no more; whereupon Johnson's companions, whose lives he had saved, carried Mountain Jack's body to the near-by stream, Black Forks, and slipped it under the ice, against the protestations of Mr. Johnson. So ended the career of one of the boldest and worst criminals of the west. Many other deeds of valor on the part of Mr. Johnson won renown to his name. He was a sure shot with his revolver and could put four out of five balls into a common playing card at a distance of seventy-five yards.

After reaching manhood Mr. Johnson purchased from Mr. Granger the contract to supply hay to the government at Fort Bridger and other western posts. Later he engaged in ranching and in raising horses and cattle, and he became one of the prominent stockmen of Wyoming. He was thus actively engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred in Green River in 1910. He owned a large ranch there and for some time prior to his death ranked with the leading, prosperous and prominent stockmen of Wyoming. In the turbulent days of Virginia City, Montana, he also passed through various trying experiences at that point. It was such brave frontiersmen who reclaimed the west for purposes of civilization, making the region safe for the law-abiding citizen. Mrs. Johnson was born in Sweden and came to America when eleven years of age, her people locating in Ogden, Utah. She died at Wood River, Nebraska, in 1900. By her marriage she had become the mother of four children: F. W. Johnson, a prominent attorney of Rock Springs, now serving as prosecuting attorney of Sweetwater county; William A., of this review; Mrs. Ellen S. Honnold, of Wood River, Nebraska; and B. G., attending the University of Utah.

In his boyhood days William A. Johnson attended school at Wood River, Nebraska, until graduated from the high school with the class of 1900. He afterward spent a year in study in the University of Nebraska and then entered upon the contracting business, specializing on cement contracting. He was thus engaged until appointed postmaster of Green River on the 22d of December, 1914. He took charge of the office on the 1st of February, 1915, and has since filled this position, discharging his duties with marked promptness and capability. He is also a trustee of the W. A. Johnson estate.

At Ogden, Utah, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Daisy N. Vickery, the wedding being celebrated on the 23d of June, 1909. She was born in Green River, Wyoming, and is a daughter of Gilbert Vickery. Mrs. Johnson's early ancestors were from Maine, she being a representative of the well known Vickery family of that state and of New England—a family of great wealth and prominence in the east. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are identified with the Episcopal church and fraternally he is connected with Rock Springs Lodge, No. 624, B. P. O. E.

Spending his entire life in the west, there is no phase of early development and progress in Wyoming with which he is not familiar. His father was a most

picturesque figure in connection with the pioneer settlement of the state and under changed conditions W. A. Johnson of this review is, like his father, bearing his part in the work of general progress and improvement, both being honored for their loyalty and progressiveness in citizenship.

CHARLES T. PADDEN.

Commercial enterprise in Glenrock finds a substantial representative in Charles T. Padden, who for almost a third of a century has resided in Wyoming. He was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, March 24, 1859, a son of Justus W. and Millie E. (Eastwood) Padden, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. They removed to Wisconsin at an early period in the development of that section of the country and the mother departed this life in Wisconsin. At a later day the father removed with his family to Iowa and his last years were spent in that state. To him and his wife were born seven children, five of whom are yet living.

Charles T. Padden is indebted to the common school system of his native state for the early educational opportunities he enjoyed. He afterward spent two terms in the State Normal School and later he turned his attention to farming in Wisconsin, being identified with its agricultural interests until 1882, when at the age of twenty-three years, he removed to Nebraska. There he took up the business of freighting, in which he continued for some years, and in 1886 he arrived in Wyoming. The following year he established his home at Glenrock and has since been identified with its business interests. For a time he was proprietor of a saloon but later sold that business and became identified with the stock business. He was thus engaged until 1909, when he opened his present store and has since been engaged in general merchandising. He carries a large and carefully selected line of goods and his business enterprise, close application and indefatigable energy are winning for him a gratifying measure of success, his trade having reached substantial proportions. He is also a director of the Bank of Glenrock and a stockholder of the Bankers & Stockmen's Trust Company of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

On the 8th of December, 1891, Mr. Padden was united in marriage to Miss Kinsler Hunter, who was born in Columbia, South Carolina, a daughter of James and Ellen (Wyrick) Hunter, the father a native of London, England, who came to New York in 1849 and the same year went to California and passed through Wyoming territory on the Oregon trail, and his daughter now owns a beautiful home on that land, which is now a part of the town of Glenrock. The mother was born in South Carolina, and both parents died in that state, where they had reared their family of thirteen children, three of whom survive. Mrs. Padden was appointed postmistress of Glenrock in 1914 and is still occupying that position, the duties of which she discharges with marked promptness and fidelity. To Mr. and Mrs. Padden has been born a son, Charles Hunter, whose birth occurred at Glenrock, October 15, 1892. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and one of the youngest in the state, is interested with his father in the oil business, and also the banking business.

In his political views Mr. Padden has always been an earnest democrat and was one of the first aldermen of Glenrock. He also served on the school board and the cause of education finds in him a warm and substantial friend. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are members of the Episcopal church.

More than thirty-one years have passed since Mr. Padden came to Wyoming, which was then a wild district, its land unclaimed, its resources undeveloped. A few courageous frontiersmen had dared to locate within its borders but the work of progress and improvement remained for the future and there was little promise of early development. In the years which have since passed Mr. Padden has not



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only witnessed a most wonderful transformation but has largely aided in the labors which have wrought the change that has brought the state from a wild tract into a splendid commonwealth. That he has taken advantage of the business opportunities here offered is indicated in his very substantial success, which has come as the direct reward of his industry, perseverance and sound business judgment. Today he occupies a most attractive home in Glenrock, which was erected at a cost of twenty thousand dollars and is one of the finest residences in this section of the state. It is the visible evidence of his thrift and his success is the merited reward of a long and honorable business career.

OSCAR W. HALL.

Oscar W. Hall, a well known stockman of Campbell county, was born in Gentry county, Missouri, August 12, 1860, and is a son of James and Elizabeth Jane (Craner) Hall, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Missouri. They were married in her native state and spent their remaining days there. They reared a family of eight children, of whom five are yet living.

Oscar W. Hall passed the period of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and his time was divided between the acquirement of a public school education and the work of the fields as he assisted his father in carrying on the farm. He removed to Nebraska in 1884 and took up his abode upon a farm there, making it his place of residence until 1900, when he sold that property and came to Campbell county, Wyoming. Arriving in this state, he established his home upon a ranch of twelve hundred acres, which he still owns, and during the intervening period he has added many substantial improvements to his place, which he is conducting according to progressive methods of ranching and stock raising. He has also become interested in the development of oil projects and is now one of the directors of the Liberty Walker Oil Company.

In 1884 Mr. Hall was united in marriage to Miss Malinda J. Buholt, a native of Hancock county, Illinois, and to them have been born three children: Cora, the wife of Nahum Fitch; Laura May, the wife of B. H. McCarthy; and Ernest W., who is married and resides upon the ranch. There are five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are members of the Baptist church and guide their lives according to its teachings. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and has filled some of the chairs in the lodge at Gillette. Politically he is a republican and is serving for the fourth year as chairman of the board of county commissioners, in which connection he has done important service for the welfare and progress of Campbell county and the advancement of its interests in many ways. He is devoted to the public welfare and is actuated in all matters of citizenship by a public spirit most commendable.

J. FRANKLIN RENFRO.

J. Franklin Renfro, well known in insurance circles in Cheyenne and also conducting a brokerage business in oil stocks, has through the intelligent utilization of the opportunities that have come to him won a most creditable position among the financiers and leading business men of his section of the state. Mr. Renfro is a native of Kansas. He was born in Pottawatomie county on the 12th of October, 1881, a son of John T. and Martha E. (Boyd) Renfro, who are now residents of Nebraska, where the father follows the occupation of farming, to which he has given his attention throughout his entire life. The family numbered four sons and a daughter.

J. Franklin Renfro, who was the third in order of birth, after acquiring a

public school education continued to assist his father upon the home farm until about eighteen years of age and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. The summer months were always given to farm work and at the age of eighteen he began farming on his own account, following that occupation until he attained his majority. He then turned his attention to commercial pursuits, embarking in the meat business at Peru, Nebraska, in which he continued for four years. He then went upon the road as a traveling salesman, spending five years in that way. He next became engaged in the insurance business, in which he has continued to the present time. He first opened an insurance office in Denver and in 1910 established his present agency in Cheyenne, where he has since operated. He has built up his business until it now represents about sixty thousand dollars per year in premiums. He is also engaged in handling oil stocks.

On the 2d of January, 1912, Mr. Renfro was united in marriage to Miss Alice Larson. His political support is given to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Baptist church. He is a member of the Industrial Club and is devoted to all those interests which have to do with the upbuilding and welfare of his adopted city. He has recently been appointed on the advisory committee on explosive regulations for the state of Wyoming. He has made for himself a creditable name and place in business circles and by reason of unfaltering enterprise and unabating energy he has organized and developed one of the largest insurance agencies of his section of the state.

PETER O. CHRISTENSEN.

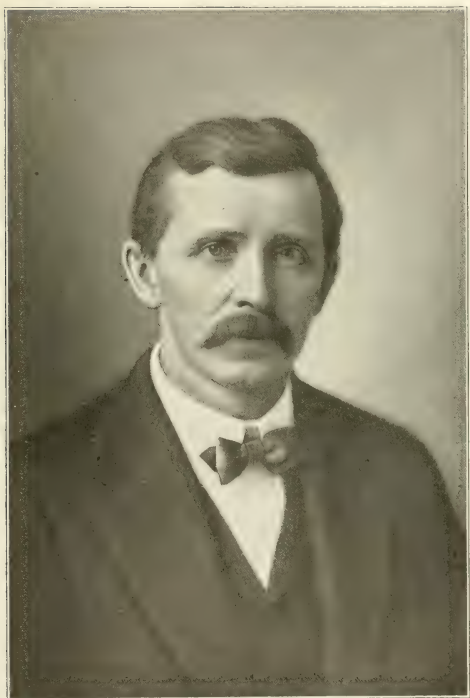
Peter O. Christensen is engaged in general merchandising at Green River, having a well appointed store which by reason of its excellent stock and also by reason of his straightforward business methods has secured to him a liberal patronage.

A native of Denmark, he was born March 14, 1870, a son of Peter and Annie Christina (Peterson) Christensen, who came to America in 1879, making their way across the country to Howard county, Nebraska, where they took up their abode. The father still makes his home there and is engaged in farming, but the mother passed away in that county in 1907.

Peter O. Christensen was the eldest in their family of ten children and spent his boyhood days largely in Howard county, having been a little lad of but nine years when the emigration to the new world occurred. He pursued his education in the public schools and for a time worked upon his father's farm after his textbooks were put aside, but thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable, he left the fields to engage in general merchandising. He came to Wyoming in 1890 and settled in Green River. For two and a half years he was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, after which he embarked in business on his own account in a small way. Through the intervening period his trade has steadily grown and has now reached large proportions, while the integrity and enterprise of his business methods will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

On the 5th of June, 1894, Mr. Christensen was united in marriage to Miss Thora Petersen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Petersen, residents of Green River. They have two children: Ida Christensen, was born in 1896 and is a graduate of the high school; and Annie, who was born in 1899 and is a high school pupil.

The cause of education has ever found in Mr. Christensen a warm friend and he has done active service in behalf of the public schools as a member of the board. Fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen of the World and with the Danish Brotherhood, while his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He is now comfortably situated in life, owning considerable real estate in Green River, including an attractive home. All of his property has been acquired through close application and judicious investment and his success is



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the merited reward of persistent effort, judicious investment and unflinching enterprise. No one questions the integrity of his methods and his fair dealing has been one of the basic elements in his growing prosperity.

SOREN FRANDSEN.

The history of Soren Frandsen is an illustration of the fact that it is under the pressure of necessity and the stimulus of opposition that the best and strongest in men is brought out and developed. Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, coming to America empty-handed and handicapped with a lack of knowledge of the language and customs of the people, he has nevertheless worked his way steadily upward and is today treasurer and general manager of the Ferguson Mercantile Company of Rawlins, which owns and conducts the largest mercantile house of western Wyoming. His record should serve to inspire and encourage others, showing what may be accomplished through determined effort when guided by sound judgment.

He was born in Esbjerg, Denmark, February 13, 1867. His father, Hans Clausen, was likewise a native of Denmark, where he spent his entire life, there following the occupation of farming. He was active in political affairs and exerted considerable influence over civic progress. He died in 1879, at the age of sixty-three years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Katrina Lauridsen, and was also born in Denmark, passed away in 1905, being at the time seventy-eight years of age.

Soren Frandsen was the eighth in order of birth in a family of nine children. In his native country he acquired a public school education and when a youth of nine years started out to earn his own livelihood. His early life was spent upon the home farm and in 1886, when a youth of nineteen, he bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world. After landing on American shores he made his way direct to Wyoming, arriving at Rawlins on the 25th of April, 1886. He was at the time a comparative stranger. His first employment was in the shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company at Rawlins, his position being in the car department. He remained with the railroad company for about eight years or until 1894, when he resigned his position and became connected with commercial pursuits as an employe of P. Paulsen, a pioneer grocer, whose employ he entered as a delivery man. While there working he learned all branches of merchandising and the principles upon which this business is based, continuing in the service of Mr. Paulsen for four years. The latter then sold out the business to H. Hansen, who retained Mr. Frandsen in his service, the latter remaining an employe of Mr. Hansen for five years. He then took charge of the interests of the Cullen Commercial Company, general merchants, with whom he remained for four years, and on the expiration of that period he purchased the business of the Keefe Grocery Company of Rawlins. After conducting the business independently for about six months he incorporated his interests under the name of the Ferguson Mercantile Company, Mr. Frandsen becoming a stockholder and the general manager of the business, which was incorporated on the 6th of August, 1907. The president of the company was James Ferguson, now deceased, while James Hansen became the vice president, Soren Frandsen treasurer and general manager, and Charles H. Anderson secretary. The business was begun in a comparatively small way but is today the largest general mercantile concern in western Wyoming. They employ more than twenty people and their store covers a floor space of one hundred and thirty by one hundred and thirty feet. They carry an extensive and well selected line and the attractiveness of their stock, combined with their reasonable prices and thoroughly reliable business methods have succeeded in bringing to the company a continually growing success.

On the 30th of September, 1892, in Rawlins, Mr. Frandsen was united in mar-



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riage to Miss Anna Mortensen, a native of Denmark and a daughter of Laust and Christina Mortensen, both of whom have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Frandsen have become parents of two daughters: Katrina, who was born in Rawlins, November 22, 1894; and Christina, who was born in Rawlins, April 6, 1896. Five years after coming to America, Mr. Frandsen returned to Denmark to claim his bride and ten years later he and his family spent four months abroad, visiting the old home and the friends of his youth.

In community affairs Mr. Frandsen has ever taken a deep and abiding interest and he has served for the past six years as school trustee. For three years he was also a member of the city council, his term expiring on the 31st of December, 1916. He exercised his official prerogatives in support of many well devised plans and projects for the general good and always carefully studied the questions and issues affecting the welfare and progress of his community and his state. In politics he has always been a stalwart republican since becoming a naturalized American citizen and he has done much to further high civic standards. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he has membership in the Danish Brotherhood, of which he was one of the organizers, serving for twenty years as its treasurer. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and his religious faith has been a dominant element in his life, guiding him in all his relations with his fellowmen.

His record is indicative of the opportunities offered to the foreign-born citizen in the new world, and his success is due to his own efforts and perseverance. Working his way upward, he has advanced step by step, wisely utilizing his opportunities and his talents, and he has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, to which he pledged his loyalty on crossing the Atlantic and of which he has ever been a faithful champion.

JOHN WATT.

John Watt long well known in Laramie, has an enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing and is today at the head of one of the leading clothing establishments of the city as the result of his close application and progressive business methods. He was born in Fraserburgh, Scotland, February 7, 1878, a son of John and Elizabeth (Trail) Watt, who came to America in 1890 and took up their abode in Laramie. In early life the father was a seafaring man and in that connection visited almost every civilized part of the globe. Both he and his wife passed away in Laramie.

John Watt, whose name introduces this review, was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents to the United States. He began his education in the schools of Scotland and continued his studies in the public schools of Laramie, mastering those branches of learning which well qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. After leaving the public schools he entered the Wyoming State University, which he attended for one year, and then made his initial step in the business world, entering the employ of Mr. Lehman, with whom he continued as confidential clerk for twenty-two years. Anxious, however, to engage in business on his own account, he carefully saved his earnings and in March, 1915, bought out his employer and has since conducted the business alone on even a more extensive scale, success in substantial measure rewarding his labors. He has one of the splendidly equipped clothing stores of southern Wyoming, carrying a large and attractive line of goods, while his business methods, his reasonable prices and his enterprise commend him to the support and continued patronage of the public.

In September, 1907, Mr. Watt was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Lohlein, of Lusk, a daughter of Mrs. M. T. Lohlein. They have become the parents of one child, Lester, who was born in Laramie in 1911 and is attending school.

Fraternally Mr. Watt is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. In politics he maintains an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than for party, but at all times casting the weight of his aid and influence on the side of progress and improvement. He is a self-made man, having started out in life empty-handed and worked his way upward through persistency of purpose, diligence and determination. His course measures up to high commercial standards and through the long period of his residence in Laramie he has enjoyed an enviable reputation as a business man and as a citizen.

DANIEL D. POTTER.

The centralized interests of the great Union Pacific Coal Company have led to the development of important productive industries which have been assimilated with the direct operative plants of the coal company. Such a one is the Commercial Light & Power plant at Rock Springs, of which Daniel D. Potter is the superintendent, thus representing one of the important Union Pacific interests in Wyoming.

He was born June 9, 1870, in Plattsville, Ontario, Canada: His father, George F. Potter, a native of that country, is a carpenter and builder by trade and is now residing in Blackfoot, Idaho. He removed to the west in 1872, settling first at Salt Lake, where he resided until 1885, when he became a resident of Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he followed his chosen vocation for a number of years. In 1911, however, he removed to Blackfoot, Idaho, where he now makes his home. In his business career he has been quite successful. He married Lucy Alice Dukes, a native of London, England, who when eight years of age was brought by her parents to the new world, the family home being established in Canada, where she was reared and married. She is also living. Twelve children were born of this marriage, of whom Daniel D. is the second in order of birth.

The public schools of Salt Lake accorded Daniel D. Potter his early educational privileges. He started out to provide for his own support when a lad of but thirteen years and since that time he has learned life's lessons in the practical school of experience. He was employed by his father and thus mastered carpentering, which he followed until 1888. He then took up the business of house painting, in which he engaged until 1896. On the 4th of December, 1885, he arrived in Rock Springs, where he has since made his home. On the 13th of December, 1896, he became connected with the Union Pacific Coal Company's Commercial Light & Power plant, beginning work as a laborer and from that humble place he worked his way steadily upward through successive promotions to his present position of large responsibility. He was called to the office of superintendent on the 1st of June, 1917, and is now acting in that capacity. In the electric plant five people are employed. Mr. Potter is an expert in all branches of the work under his control and is thoroughly qualified to direct the interests of the company at this point.

On the 5th of October, 1896, Mr. Potter was married in Rock Springs, Wyoming, to Miss Ellen Walters, a native of England and a daughter of Noah and Elizabeth (Walters) Walters, both of whom are living, having been residents of Rock Springs since 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Potter have become the parents of four children: Mabel, born 1897; Harry, 1899; Ralph, 1901; and Clarence, 1913. All of the children were born in Rock Springs. The parents have been called upon to mourn the loss of their third child, who died at the age of four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter are members of the Episcopal church and the former gives his political allegiance to the republicana party. Fraternally he is connected with the Eagles. His has been an active and useful life. From 1891 until 1894 he was engaged in horse raising in connection with his other business activities but that undertaking because of the low prices being paid at that time

proved a failure, causing him considerable loss. Undiscouraged by this venture, he persevered in his business career, starting again in other fields, and he has more than made good as the years have passed. He is today one of the prominent business men of Rock Springs, alert, energetic and determined, his life record proving what may be accomplished through individual effort and persistency of purpose.

EUGENE BERTAGNOLLI.

Eugene Bertagnolli, president and manager of the Union Mercantile & Supply Company, owning and conducting three stores, located at Rock Springs, at Kemmerer and at Superior, Wyoming, makes his home at Rock Springs and from that point directs his constantly increasing business interests, which have placed him with the leading merchants of the state. He is a young man who has not yet reached the zenith of his powers but already has attained a position in commercial circles that many a man twice his years might well envy.

Mr. Bertagnolli is a native of Austria. He was born at Trient, Tyrol, May 4, 1889, a son of Fedel and Virginia (Bertagnolli) Bertagnolli, who, though of the same name, was not a relative of her husband. Both were born and reared in Austria, where the father engaged in farming throughout his entire life. He passed away in 1909, but the mother is still living and is yet a resident of Austria. In the family were six children: Joseph and Leopold, who are residents of Rock Springs; August, living in Austria; Mary; Ade; and Eugene, who is the eldest.

During his boyhood days Eugene Bertagnolli attended the schools of the Tyrol and also an Italian school. The year 1907 witnessed his arrival in Rock Springs, Wyoming, at which time he was a youth of eighteen years. He organized the Union Mercantile & Supply Company, beginning business in a small way but developing his interests as the years have gone by until his trade has now reached very extensive proportions. On the organization and incorporation of the company in 1907, Henry Bertagnolli, now deceased, became the president and treasurer, with Eugene Bertagnolli as the vice president. The undertaking prospered from the beginning, and seeing the possibility for the successful extension of his interests, Eugene Bertagnolli established in 1909 a second store at Superior, Wyoming, of which he remained manager until August 10, 1917, when upon the death of Henry Bertagnolli he was elected the president of the company and manager of the Rock Springs store. The company also owns a store at Kemmerer, which was opened in 1914 and which Eugene Bertagnolli also manages. At the various stores a general mercantile business is conducted and all three establishments are proving profitable investments. In addition to his commercial interests Mr. Bertagnolli is the owner of considerable ranch property, which is conducted under the name of the Superior Live Stock Company, the land being located on Green river. He is also the treasurer of the Superior school board, and while conducting important business interests, has found time to cooperate in measures and movements for the general good.

On the 8th of April, 1912, Mr. Bertagnolli was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Bertagnolli, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ignaz Bertagnolli. They have become the parents of two children: Otto, who died October 11, 1917, at the age of eleven months, and was buried in Rock Springs; and Olga, who was born in Superior, Wyoming, in 1913.

Fraternally Mr. Bertagnolli is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Superior. He is also identified with the Red Men, and is a Knights Templar Mason. He also has membership with the Knights of Pythias and at all times is loyal to the teachings of these various organizations, which are formed for the mutual benefit of the members. He is a supporter of the Red Cross and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. In coming to the new world he found the business oppor-



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tunities which he sought and in their utilization he has made steady progress until he has long since left the ranks of the many and now stands among the successful few.

MISS EDITH K. O. CLARK.

Miss Edith K. O. Clark, filling the position of state superintendent of public instruction in Wyoming for a four years' term, with office in Cheyenne, was born in Washington, D. C., on the 7th of September, 1881, a daughter of George W. and Sara (Robinson) Clark. The father was a lawyer by profession and became one of the chief examiners in the land office at the national capital. He was also interested for some time in cattle interests in Wyoming, but both he and his wife have passed away. In their family were two daughters and a son, all residents of Wyoming.

Miss Edith Clark, of this review, the eldest of the family, pursued a public and high school education in Washington, D. C., and was graduated from the schools of Des Moines, Iowa, after which she studied at Grinnell College, Iowa. She pursued a course in library training in the University of Wisconsin and in 1906 she came to Wyoming, taking up the profession of teaching in Johnson and Sheridan counties, where she remained as a teacher for two years. She was then elected school superintendent of Sheridan county and so continued for six years. The splendid record which she made in educational circles led to her nomination on the republican ticket for the office of state superintendent of public instruction, to which position she was elected in the fall of 1914. She assumed the duties of the office in January, 1915, for a four years' term and has made most valuable suggestions and done most excellent work in systematizing and improving the schools throughout the state. Many problems are presented to her for solution in regard to the conduct of the schools, and her broad experience, clear insight and high ideals have rendered her opinions and decisions of the utmost worth in these connections.

Miss Clark gives her political allegiance to the republican party. She belongs to the Episcopal church and she is also identified with the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a broad-minded woman, keeping in touch with the trend of modern thought and progress along all those lines which touch the general interests of society, and her professional activity is based upon a recognition of the fact that the object of education, according to Kant, is to teach each individual to reach the highest perfection possible for him.

JOSEPH FULLER.

Joseph Fuller, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Cokeville, belongs to that class of progressive business men who are the real promoters and upbuilders of the state of Wyoming, carefully directing their business affairs and at the same time casting the weight of their influence upon the side of public progress and activity.

Mr. Fuller was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1867. His father, Thomas Fuller, was a native of Germany but came to America prior to the Civil war and settled in Pittsburgh, where for many years he made his home. For an extended period he was connected with the Standard Oil Company but is now living retired and makes his home in Bellevue, Ohio. In early manhood he wedded Barbara Wills, a native of Germany, who came with her husband to the new world. To them were born seven children, Joseph being the third in order of birth. The mother has passed away, her death having occurred in January, 1912, when she was seventy-two years of age.



Edith K. O. Clark

Joseph Fuller was educated in the public schools at Parkers Landing, Pennsylvania, and when a youth of seventeen left home to provide for his own support. He is a self-made man in the fullest sense of the term, for from that age he has depended entirely upon his own resources and whatever prosperity has come to him is the direct result of persistent labor intelligently directed. On leaving the east he removed to Helena, Montana, where he was in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company in connection with the transportation department. He continued with that road until 1888, after which he made his way to the Pacific coast and was with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company at various points, including Seattle and Portland. He next removed to Montpelier, Idaho, where he was representative for the New York Life Insurance Company for three years. On leaving that state he became a resident of Cokeville, Wyoming, where he took up his abode in the spring of 1905. Here he originally engaged in the liquor business and in 1916 he established his present store, opening a full line of furniture and undertaking supplies. Since concentrating his attention upon this business he has enjoyed a growing trade and today is accorded a very liberal patronage. This was not his first venture along this line, for while in Montpelier he also conducted a furniture and undertaking establishment for three years and was thus well qualified by practical experience for the duties and activities which now claim his attention. His business methods commend him to the confidence and support of the public and he is enjoying a rapidly growing trade.

Mr. Fuller was married in Montpelier, Idaho, in 1883 to Miss Nellie Doyle and to them have been born six children, Barbara, Joe, Marie, Irene, Stanley and Ruth. The daughter Irene is now the wife of James Reddy, of Pocatello, Idaho. Joseph, Jr., has enlisted in the United States Marine service.

Mr. Fuller is a democrat and at one time served as city councilman of Cokeville. He was also one of the most active workers in the installation of the city water works and has taken a helpful part in promoting many public achievements which have greatly benefited the city and upheld its civic standards. He was made a Mason in Montpelier, holding membership in King Solomon Lodge, No. 27, A. F. & A. M. He also became a member of Montpelier Camp, No. 167, W. O. W. At all times his aid and influence are on the side of progress and improvement along material, social and political lines. He is today one of the most progressive business men of Cokeville, where he carries a complete line of furniture and in the undertaking department he has a full equipment, having a morgue, a hearse and everything necessary for the fitting conduct of funerals. In his business affairs he has at all times been actuated by a spirit of unfaltering industry and enterprise and he never stops short of the successful accomplishment of his purpose.

FRANK KERSHISNIK.

Frank Kershishnik is the president and manager of the Rock Springs Commercial Company, which is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars, and it has been largely through his efforts that this business has been developed to its present extensive proportions. Honored and respected by all, no man occupies a more enviable position in commercial circles in this section of Wyoming, not alone by reason of the success which he has achieved, but also owing to the straightforward policy which he has ever followed. He has been most watchful of opportunities pointing to advancement and success and has never hesitated to take a forward step when the way was opened.

He was born in Poland, Austria, January 24, 1874. His father, the late John Kershishnik, was also a native of Austria, where he successfully followed farming, his death occurring there in 1888, when he was forty-one years of age. He represented a very prominent family of the country and was active in public



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affairs of his community, serving as mayor of his city, as did several of his ancestors. In fact, the family was connected with the mayoralty there for thirty years. In commercial circles, too, John Kershnik made for himself a most creditable position, being engaged, extensively and successfully, at the time of his death in the lumber and flour milling business. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Mrak and she, too, was born in Poland, Austria. They had a family of ten children, seven of whom are yet living.

Frank Kershnik was educated in the schools of his native country and when a lad of fourteen years started out to provide for his own support, entering upon an apprenticeship to the tanner's trade, at which he served a term of indenture of three and a half years, during which period he gained a thorough knowledge of the business. He then left home to seek his fortune in America, attracted by the business opportunities which he heard were to be enjoyed on this side the Atlantic. He arrived in Rock Springs, Wyoming, in November, 1891, and entered the employ of the Union Pacific Coal Company in their mines. He continued to work in the coal fields in that way until the fall of 1895 and later went to Diamondville, now in Lincoln county, where he was employed for six months by the Diamond Coal Company. While working in the mines he had many hair-breadth escapes from death and on several occasions at the risk of his own life he saved his fellow workmen. He was on a number of occasions in close proximity to several who were killed or entombed. At length, however, he abandoned coal mining and went to California, settling in the northern part of that state as one of a colony of Austrians who took up their abode upon a farm. The enterprise, however, proved a failure and caused the loss of his entire capital, he having previously saved six hundred dollars from his earnings, which sum he invested in the agricultural project. He then turned his attention to gold mining in California and was forced to work for a dollar per day and board. He remained in that connection for seven months and afterward went to Calaveras county, California, where he again took up work in the gold mines. He spent two years in that locality, where he arrived an entire stranger with a cash capital of but forty-five cents. While there he saved four hundred dollars as the result of his untiring industry and strict economy. He later went to Johnston county, California, and was employed in the mines of that locality for six months during the winter of 1898-99. In the latter year he made his way to the Coeur d'Alene country of Idaho and on his arrival found the place under martial law on account of the strike situation. He remained in that locality for about a month and then went to Rossland, British Columbia, where he was again engaged in mining for ten months. He then proceeded farther northward, where he continued mining, but eventually he decided to return to the United States and visit his old companions at Rock Springs. The result of this return visit was that he went to work in No. 10 mine but remained there for only two months. On the expiration of that brief period, through the friendship of the late Albert Facinelli, he entered the liquor business and won pronounced success in that undertaking. During the first year he with eight other companions and working men established and incorporated the Rock Springs Commercial Company, but from time to time some of the original owners have sold their interests until now but three remain. The business was incorporated in the spring of 1901 with a cash capital of about four thousand dollars, which has since been increased and the business developed until the trade now amounts to one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. They employ eight sales people and their store covers a floor space of forty by fifty feet. Mr. Kershnik is the principal stockholder. He is also a director of the North Side State Bank and he owns and conducts a ranch of eighty acres near Burley, Idaho. His business affairs have been wisely and profitably conducted. He has ever been a most earnest worker, displaying indefatigable industry and perseverance in all that he has undertaken, and his unremitting diligence has in the course of years brought him a substantial measure of success.

In May, 1901, Mr. Kershnik was married in Rock Springs, Wyoming, to Miss Annie Perko, a native of Austria, with whom he had been reared as a child-

hood companion. They have become the parents of seven children, Frank, Amelia, Joseph, Max, Fannie, John and Annie.

Politically Mr. Kershishnik has always been a stalwart republican since becoming a naturalized American citizen. He served for one term on the city council of Rock Springs and has always been interested in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also the St. Louisan Society, which he organized in 1894. He is likewise a member of Bear Lodge, and his religious faith is that of the Catholic church. He is entirely a self-made man. When he arrived in America he not only was without capital but had incurred an indebtedness of one hundred and sixty dollars. When he started in the saloon business, which was his first commercial venture, he had a capital of two hundred dollars. Gradually, however, he has worked his way upward, his efficiency and business management proving the salient features in the attainment of his present day success, bringing him at length to the position of president of the Rock Springs Commercial Company, in which connection he commands a business of large volume, so that his annual income is most gratifying.

CHARLES A. SIEGEL.

Charles A. Siegel, who is engaged in the bakery and confectionery business in Evanston, manifests in his commercial career an alert, enterprising spirit which brooks no obstacles, and overcomes all the difficulties that continually arise in business activity. He has built up his trade on a basis of excellence of output and honorable dealing, and his patronage is steadily increasing. Mr. Siegel is a native of Alsace, France, born on the 10th of December, 1858. His father, Joseph Siegel, was also a native of Alsace who after the Franco-Prussian war was one of the many who signed the declaration that he wanted to remain French. He served in the French army five years, stationed at Lyons, in the Twelfth Léger, under Louis Philippe, afterwards returning to his home town, Rhinau. He was asked and accepted a government position with the Douane, or as a line guard. He passed away in Basel in 1883 at the age of eighty-three years. Throughout almost his entire life he was in government service and became widely known as a most capable, reliable and trustworthy official, enjoying the respect, confidence and honor of colleagues and contemporaries. He married Walburga Heitzman, also a native of Alsace, who died in 1869. In their family were six children, of whom three are living: Mrs. Helen Lohrer, living in Basel, Switzerland; Frank, who is a baker by trade and makes his home in Boise, Idaho; and Charles A., of this review.

The last named was educated in the schools of his native country and at the age of fourteen years entered upon an apprenticeship to the baker's trade under his brother-in-law, Adolph Gurtler, with whom he worked for four years, thoroughly mastering the bakery and confectionery business. He afterward followed his trade as a journeyman in Belfort, Vesoul and Gray, France, until 1879, when he determined to try his fortune in America, believing that he might have still better business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic. He first took up his abode in New York city, where he was employed as second baker in the Coleman House at Broadway and Twenty-seventh street. There he remained for two years, after which he removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he secured a position in the Bay State House, working as a baker there for a year. Again, however, he heard the call of the west and made his way to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he resided for nine years. He was there employed in the old Transfer Hotel, conducted by the Union Pacific Railway Company, after which he removed to Ogden, Utah, where his brother had preceded him. He was the baker at the Reed Hotel for nine years and from Ogden went to Pocatello, Idaho, where he was employed by the Oregon Short Line Railroad as a baker in the Railroad Hotel. He spent three years at that place and then re-

moved to Evanston, where he arrived on the 25th of July, 1907. Here he established his present business, which has been developed from a small beginning to one of the large and important enterprises of this character not only in Uinta county but in western Wyoming. He conducts both a wholesale and retail business. His products are of excellent quality and his reasonable prices and straightforward dealing have been salient features in his growing success. He is most careful in the management of the business and sees that sanitary conditions are at all times followed in the production of the output.

On the 27th of October, 1887, Mr. Siegel was united in marriage at Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Miss Annie Quinn, a native of Ireland, who came to America with her brother Thomas Quinn, and settled at Council Bluffs. There she passed away November 26, 1892, at the comparatively early age of thirty-two years, leaving two children: Mary and Joseph, who were born in Council Bluffs. Joseph is now associated in business with his father. On the 31st of August, 1908, in Evanston, Wyoming, Mr. Siegel was again married, his second union being with Miss Johanna Morganson, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah, and a daughter of James Morganson, who was one of the early pioneer settlers of Wyoming.

Mr. Siegel gives his political endorsement to the democratic party, which he has supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him as he has always preferred to give undivided attention to his business affairs. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. In 1913 he and his wife took a trip to Europe, visiting his old home in Alsace. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world; for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and in their utilization he has made steady progress, being today one of the prosperous business men of Evanston. His diligence and persistency of purpose have constituted important elements in his growing success and he is now controlling a wholesale and a retail trade of large and gratifying proportions.

ALBERT G. HAMILTON, M. D.

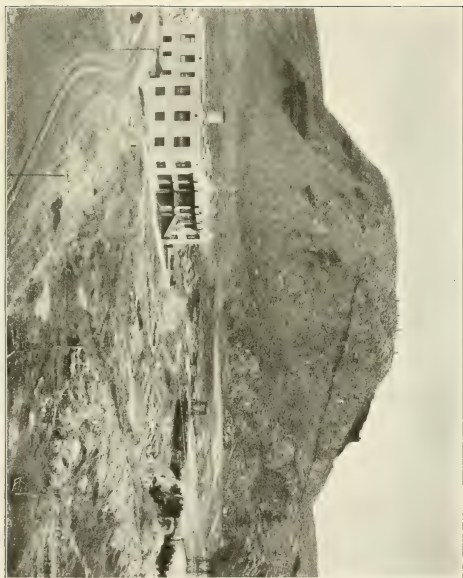
Dr. Albert G. Hamilton, who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Thermopolis, ranks with the leading surgeons of the state, his marked efficiency in that line winning the admiration of professional colleagues and contemporaries. He acts as surgeon in charge of the New Hopewell Hospital and under his direction many important operations have been performed.

Illinois claims him as a native son. He was born in Mattoon on the 8th of August, 1863, and is a son of James and Margaret (Hoskins) Hamilton. He was educated in the public and high schools of Mattoon, and determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he was then graduated from the medical department of the University of Ohio at Cincinnati as a member of the class of 1888. He has since pursued post-graduate work in the West Side Hospital of Chicago in 1900 and in the New York Polyclinic in 1910, and about a month each year attends the clinics at different hospitals throughout the country. He entered upon the active practice of medicine in Humboldt, Illinois, where he remained from 1888 until 1892 and then went to Springfield, Nebraska, where he continued in the active practice of medicine until 1906. The latter year witnessed his arrival in Thermopolis, Wyoming, where he has since remained, and in the intervening period, covering twelve years, he has made continuous progress in his profession, gaining distinction as a prominent representative of medical and surgical practice. He has particularly specialized along the latter line and his marked ability has brought him to the front. He thoroughly understands anatomy and the component parts of the human body, is cool and collected in emergencies and with steady nerve and hand he performs the multitudinous delicate duties that feature in surgical work. In 1909 he established the Hopewell Hospital in Ther-



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mopolis and has made it an institution of value to the state. He belongs to the North Western Wyoming Medical Society and his high professional standing is indicated in the fact that in 1911 he was elected to the presidency of the Wyoming State Medical Society, serving as the head of the organization for two years. He was also a charter member of the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America and he belongs to the American Association of Railway Surgeons and to the American Medical Association. He is now engaged in the erection of a hospital at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars, which is equipped with the Hot Springs baths and all modern appliances of that character, making it one of the finest institutions of the kind in the state.

Dr. Hamilton has served as coroner of Sarpy county, Nebraska, holding the office for three terms. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Nebraska Consistory, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., and he is also a member of Tangier Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Omaha. He is likewise connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. While prominent and popular in these organizations, he concentrates the major part of his time and attention upon his professional duties, which are extensive and arduous. He has been actuated in all that he has done by a laudable ambition to make his service of the greatest benefit to his fellowmen and in all of his professional work is most conscientious, while his developing powers have placed him in the ranks of the most skilled surgeons of the state.

JAMES W. FISHER.

James W. Fisher is regarded as one of the leading educators of southwestern Wyoming. He is located in Millburn, Uinta county, but while now devoting his attention to the profession of teaching, the experiences of his life have been broad and varied and in many respects are most interesting.

He is a native of Montrose, Missouri, born July 29, 1866, and is a son of John W. and Mary C. (Hibler) Fisher. The father was a native of West Virginia and the mother a native of Missouri. Mr. Fisher followed farming and stock raising and passed away at Mount Zion, Missouri, in 1905, at the age of sixty-nine years, leaving a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, while two other children of the family, a son and daughter, died in infancy. The mother still survives and resides near Montrose, Missouri, at the age of seventy-two years. In politics Mr. Fisher was a democrat and at the time of the Civil war responded to the call of the Confederacy, enlisting in the Tenth Missouri Cavalry, in which he served under Captain Norvall Spangler. He was in the battle of Lexington, Missouri, and participated in other hotly contested engagements.

James W. Fisher was reared to manhood in his native state and there acquired his early education in the district schools of Henry county, attending a school which was known as "Granddaddy" up to the age of fifteen years. He worked on the farm, as all country boys do, early becoming familiar with the labors of the field, and later he attended a country school in St. Clair county to the age of seventeen years. He then went to work as a hired hand and was thus employed until he attained his majority. He afterward attended a district school in Henry county known as the Mound school, taught by William Moser, a prominent educator of that time in west central Missouri. After spending a term in that school Mr. Fisher became a student in the Clinton Academy at Clinton, Missouri, where he pursued a classical course for about eighteen months, the school being conducted by Professor E. P. Lamkin, who was the father of the present superintendent of public instruction of Missouri, U. W. Lamkin, who when Mr. Fisher was a pupil in the school was his schoolmate. A statement issued by Superintendent Lamkin quite recently, regarding the ability and character of James W. Fisher, may be inserted here as of interest:



JAMES W. FISHER

"March 8th, 1918.

"To Whom Concerned:

"I am very glad to say that I knew James W. Fisher when he and I were in school together in Henry County, Missouri. I later knew him when we were teaching in that county. I knew him as a hard worker, energetic, making friends readily, keeping those he made and of unquestioned honesty. I am confident that he will make good.

(Signed)

"UEL W. LAMKIN."

Another pupil at that same time was Dr. Ralph H. McKee, of the University of Maine. Later Mr. Fisher began teaching in the public schools of Henry county, Missouri, following the profession in 1887 and 1888. He afterward went to Hopkins county, near Sulphur Springs, Texas, where he worked in a cotton gin and also taught what was known as the Community school in 1889 and 1890. He then returned to Missouri, where he followed the profession of teaching in the winter months, while in the summer he was employed as a farm hand for a period of six years or until the fall of 1896. He then removed to Marshall, Saline county, Missouri, where he attended the Missouri Valley College and also taught in the public schools until 1903. In that year he returned to Henry county and was a teacher at Garland, Missouri, for one year. He also worked as a section hand on the Frisco railroad at Garland, Missouri, and later he taught for a year at Field's Creek, Missouri.

On the 9th of August, 1905, Mr. Fisher found it necessary to take his wife to a hospital at Nevada, Missouri, after which he returned home and straightened out his affairs there, his father having died in the meantime. In December of the same year he went to Kansas City, where he sought a position in an express office in the Union depot. Failing to secure the desired position, he took a job as coal heaver and went to Mystic, Iowa, with George D. Lloyd, who was engaged in that line of business. On one occasion three and a half tons of coal passed from under his feet during a gale of wind, but he was uninjured by reason of the fact that he remained cool and collected.

In April, 1906, Mr. Fisher took the civil service examination at Kansas City, Missouri, for a position as teacher in the Indian service. On the 13th of May, 1906, he obtained a position with the Western Union telegraph construction gang located at Lewis, Missouri, under Foreman Sam Sullins. He then engaged in digging holes for telegraph poles and worked on the line to Appleton City, Missouri, where they were superseded by another construction gang. On the 10th of July, 1906, Mr. Fisher went to St. Louis, Missouri, and thence to Little Rock, Arkansas, crossing the Arkansas river at Argenta. The gang began stringing long distance copper wire over the Iron Mountain route. Mr. Fisher had charge of a hand car, being on one occasion the "bucker of the reel," where one hundred and seventy pounds of copper wire was carried by him and another man about twenty miles through the Ozarks. This was where each man had to bear his task without flinching—a task that was very arduous. Just before reaching Russellville, Arkansas, one of the climbers fell from a thirty-foot pole, causing his hands to be turned back on the wrists. No one seemed to understand how to relieve him until Mr. Fisher was called to his assistance, when he pulled the hands back straight and rubbed the wrist bones into place, thus giving him relief, and so it was not necessary for a physician to set the injured joints. After reaching Russellville, Mr. Fisher was promoted to the position of jack strap puller, pulling the wire for eleven tiers, which was a feat that other men did not wish to try. He was engaged in such work between Russellville and Van Buren, Arkansas, and afterward went to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and from that point to Gurdon, in the same state, and in the same business, working from there to within thirteen miles of Texarkana, Arkansas, where the gang met another gang and turned back to St. Louis, Missouri, repairing the wires at Pacific, Missouri. At that point they were shipped out to Altus, Oklahoma, and completed a line from the depot to the Cotton Exchange, after which Mr. Fisher resigned his position. He then resumed the profession of teaching in a public school near Altus, Okla-

homa, and in the meantime worked as a ranch hand for G. R. Rogers. On the 10th of May, 1907, he went from Headrick, Oklahoma, to White Earth, Minnesota, where he took up the duties of teaching in the Indian service in the White Earth day school. About the 1st of September he was transferred to the Porter-ville day school and his sister Ethel there began keeping house for him. He remained at that school until November, 1910, when he resigned to go on a homestead near Gheen, Minnesota. In the meantime he worked as a swamper and cook for a logging outfit and returned to White Earth, Minnesota, in January, 1911. He then temporarily took up teaching in the White Earth boarding school and about the 1st of February was reinstated as day teacher in the White Earth day school. There he remained until the 20th of October, when he was transferred to the Fort Totten boarding school near Devils Lake, North Dakota, as a school farmer in the Indian service. He continued at that point until June 1, 1912, when he resigned and went to Crookston, Minnesota, working for thirteen days as helper on a bridge gang on the Great Northern Railroad, after which he resigned and entered the summer school at the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston, Minnesota, pursuing the agriculture and blacksmithing courses. After working for one month for the college he resigned and returned to Missouri, where he remained with his family until about October 1, 1912, when he was reinstated as farmer in the Indian service at Keams Canon, Arizona. He entered on his duties there on the 6th of October and continued at that place until about the 1st of September, 1913, when he resigned and came to Wyoming. He began to teach in the public schools at Mountainview about the 2d of September and in June, 1914, he went to Laramie, where he attended the summer session of the State University. In 1915 he taught school at Lonetree, Wyoming. Prior to this time, or on the 14th of May, 1914, he entered a homestead on Nebraska Bench, near Millburne, and he also taught school in that locality for two years. At the present time he is teaching at Almy, near Evanston, Wyoming, and that he is well qualified for his work is evident from the statement issued by the Missouri State Department of Public Schools presented to our readers on a preceding page. Moreover Mr. Fisher is a poet of more than ordinary ability and leave is herewith taken to present him as the author of two poems:

BEAR RIVER ROBIN.

Bear River Robin is the bird for me.
He is a soldier of the West that be
Just as plucky for his weight as the bear,
Even more, as he never hibernates where
He can get haw apples to save his pate.
No matter what comes he never trusts fate.

He knows the best place, upper Bear River,
Where all creation couldn't make him shiver
As long as the haw apples are 'bove snow.
He is the bird for me. I can't say no.
As he has never turned to make retreat.
Tho' he oft has been near absent of heat.

He has hung to the Bear River willows
Thru the winter of our first year's billows
Of war for world liberty that'll create
A greater sphere for robin without rate.
To live, when he should choose time to sail in
To any clime where free man is dwellin'.

Let us all bless the Bear River Robin
For his courage, as he has his doin'
All his own, as long as haw apples last,

Nothing can change his mind, but face the blast,
 Forgetting his migratory habit,
 Waiting here for spring, as we all do it.

This destroys the belief that some Caesars
 Believe that the warm is nearing the bars.
 You may say no, but a message of love,
 Carried by humane tokens of a dove,
 Fortifies stout the fact without delays,
 That Bear River Robin is stay'r these days.

(James W. Fisher, teacher Almy school, R. F. D., Evanston, Wyoming, contributor. Published in the Wyoming Times, March 7, 1918.)

LITTLE WINNIE.

Dear Little Winnie, pride of our hearts,
 We regret that you so soon must depart,
 Leaving us behind to moan your leave,
 This world of sun-shine, much to achieve,
 While you sang your bestest songs Divine—
 Never groaning, making music chime.

Dear Little Heart of ours, we shudder
 To think of your passing the border
 Beyond the grasp of our loving hands
 To dwell somewhere in far distant lands,
 Chosen by your Heavenly Father,
 Where you may sing without bother.

Dear Little Friend of ours, as we knew
 You to ever be to us, and true,
 No matter what happened any time
 Your little soul would so always rhyme
 To the call of a jolly to-do
 That made us all happy thru and thru.

May you ever live in the blue skies
 Where your soul may be seen with our eyes,
 As a little star giving its light,
 To always show us the way of right,
 Never letting us vary away
 Till we all meet you Judgment-day.

We'll all try ever to breathe a song
 In memory of you in our throng
 As we attend loyal Almy School,
 E'er doing our best to keep the rule
 Of our dear teacher who can with pride,
 With us, cherish Good Winnie who died.

(A tribute to Little Winnie Sessions, aged eight, a pupil at the Almy school, 1917-1918, who died March 17, 1918. Written on the night of March 18, 1918.)

On the 23d of December, 1893, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Miss Mary P. Russell, of Cole, Missouri, and to them have been born two children, Naomi E. and Mary O. P. The former became the wife of Fred Dean, of Clinton, Missouri, and they now reside in Sedalia, that state. The other daughter makes her home at Green River, Wyoming.

Such have been the varied experiences of Mr. Fisher—experiences which have taken him into various sections of the country and made him familiar with its conditions and its history. From his experiences he has learned many valuable life lessons and is today a most interesting man because of his reminiscences and his ability to vividly portray to the hearer what he has himself seen. He is highly esteemed throughout the community in which he makes his home and he is making valuable contribution to the development of the educational interests of southwestern Wyoming, all speaking of him in terms of high regard in this connection.

FRANK E. ANDERSON.

Born in Kansas and ever recognizing the possibilities and opportunities of the west, Frank E. Anderson has become an important factor in the development of Laramie, where he is now engaged in the practice of law.

He was born in Jefferson county, Kansas, October 14, 1876, a son of A. J. Anderson, a native of Sweden, who came to America during the latter part of the '50s and first took up his abode in Lawrence, Kansas, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in the Seventeenth Kansas Infantry, in which he became corporal. He served with that command until the close of hostilities and was ever a brave and loyal soldier, faithfully doing his duty, whether called to the lonely picket line or to the firing line. He afterward became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in Kansas and he is still a resident of Lawrence, that state. He has retired from active business, however, and is now enjoying the fruits of a well spent life. He married Margaret McCain, a native of Kentucky and a descendant of an old family of that state of Irish lineage. The mother, who passed away in Lawrence, Kansas, February 1, 1914, at the age of sixty-four years, had a family of six children, of whom three are deceased. Those who survive are: Dr. Bertha O. Anderson, a practicing physician of Lincoln, Illinois, who was graduated from the Kansas State University; Mrs. Malinda Neilson, a widow who is acting as housekeeper for her father; and Frank E., of this review.

The last named was educated in the public schools of Lawrence, Kansas, and in the Kansas State University, where he pursued his professional studies and won his LL. B. degree upon graduation with the class of 1900. His early life had been spent upon the home farm with the usual experiences of the farmbred boy who divides his time between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. Following the completion of his law course he entered upon active practice in McLoud, Oklahoma, and afterward practiced at Lawton, Oklahoma. He was one of the first lawyers in the latter city, beginning practice there before there was a house in the town. He continued in Lawton for four months and then returned to Lawrence, where he remained until February, 1906, when he became a resident of Laramie, Wyoming, where he has since remained in active and successful practice. He had been a resident of Laramie for only a brief period until he had secured a good clientele, to the interests of which he has always been most loyal. He served for two terms as county attorney, from January 1, 1911, until January 1, 1915. He continues in the general practice of law and is thoroughly familiar with the principles of jurisprudence and is seldom at fault in the application of these principles to the points in litigation. He has won many verdicts favorable to his clients and his ability is widely recognized.

In Lawrence, Kansas, on the 4th of June, 1904, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Ray Buckminster, a native of that city and a daughter of Joseph and Rachel Buckminster. They have become the parents of three children:

Harold Eugene, who was born in Lawrence, Kansas, March 4, 1906; Dorothy Marie, born in Laramie, May 6, 1908; and Lawrence Spencer, born in Laramie, July 20, 1911.

Mr. Anderson gives his political endorsement to the democratic party and is one of the active workers in its ranks, doing all in his power to uphold its interests and promote its success. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Albany County Bar Association, of which he is now president, and he belongs to the Wyoming State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He turns to hunting as his chief diversion and is an excellent marksman, his skill resulting in winning many fine trophies of the chase. His entire life has been characterized by a laudable ambition that, manifest in youth, caused him to work his way through the university and thus prepare for a professional career. He ever holds strictly to high ethics and standards and has been an able minister in the temple of justice.

MRS. ANNA BELLE SMITH.

Mrs. Anna Belle Smith, capably filling the office of county treasurer of Sheridan county and making her home in the city of Sheridan, was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, June 9, 1875, a daughter of Frederick F. and Mary Frances Newcomer. Her father was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, and was a son of a prominent Baltimore merchant. At an early age he joined the Eighteenth Maryland Regiment and was wounded at the battle of Antietam. He also fought Indians on the plains of Wyoming in the early '60s and for a time was stationed at Camp Douglas in Salt Lake City, being there during the period of the building of the Mormon Temple. He heard Brigham Young preach his first sermon in the tabernacle and was a witness of other events which marked the early history of that region. He was afterward stationed at Fort Bridger, Wyoming, at the time when a part of his regiment, under General Carrington, was massacred at Fort Phil Kearney. About 1869 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Frances McGuire, of Maryville, Missouri, and emigrated to Colorado with the family in the early '70s. Indian troubles were prevalent during the trip overland. In the fall of 1883 he removed with his family to Wyoming and settled on a homestead in Prairie Dog valley, where he became a prosperous farmer and stockman. He died of apoplexy in Sheridan, Wyoming, September 13, 1913, at the age of sixty-four years, while his wife passed away in Sheridan, February 25, 1909. Their surviving children are: B. A. Newcomer, a resident of Banner, Wyoming; Edwin V. Newcomer, also living at Banner; Mrs. E. B. Williams, whose home is at Ucross, Wyoming; and Mrs. Smith, of this review.

Reared upon the western frontier, Mrs. Smith acquired a public school education in Sheridan county and afterward had the benefit of a course in the business department of the Wyoming State University in 1900 and 1901. Thus liberally educated, she occupied important positions to the time of her marriage. Previous to entering the business college she had successfully taught school in Sheridan county for six years and after her course at the State University she held positions as stenographer in banks and law offices until her marriage.

It was on the 8th of February, 1904, that Anna Belle Newcomer became the wife of Ernest S. Smith, formerly a member of the firm of James P. Smith & Sons, grain dealers of Chicago. To them was born a daughter, Helen Frances, whose birth occurred January 6, 1905. After becoming a widow in September, 1906, Mrs. Smith secured the position of stenographer to the superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at Sheridan and also occupied a clerical position in the real estate office of C. B. Holmes. Her business interests have been carefully and wisely managed and she is now a partner in a ranch owned by herself and her brother, Edwin V. Newcomer, which they



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received as a part of the estate of their father, Frederick F. Newcomer. Mrs. Smith also owns an attractive bungalow at No. 351 East Works street in Sheridan.

Mrs. Smith gives her political allegiance to the democratic party and served as assistant deputy county clerk from January 1, 1911, until January 1, 1917, or for a period of six years. In November, 1916, she was elected to the office of county treasurer and entered upon the duties of the position in January, 1917. She is making an excellent record in this connection, having had long and varied business experience which well qualifies her for the tasks which now devolve upon her. She has been quite prominent in democratic circles in her section of the state and is vice president of the Women's National Democratic League for Sheridan county and president of the Sheridan Section. She was appointed chairman of the Women's Democratic Central Committee of Sheridan county and she attended the national democratic convention in January, 1916. She keeps well informed on all the vital public questions of the day and is a broad-minded woman whose worth is widely recognized in the county in which she makes her home. She is a communicant of the Episcopal church, is a member of the Daughters of the King and of St. Peter's choir, thus taking an active part in church work, and she is widely known in political, business, church and musical circles in Sheridan.

H. E. BYARS, D. D. S.

That Dr. H. E. Byars is one of the eminent and successful dentists of Wyoming is indicated in the fact that in his practice in Thermopolis he has found it necessary to have two assistants and an office consisting of a suite of five rooms, being the only dentist in the state whose practice has reached such volume. His constantly developing powers have brought him leadership and his methods of practice are the embodiment of the latest scientific researches and investigations regarding dentistry and dental surgery in every connection. Aside from this, Dr. Byars is prominently known in connection with the development of the oil industry of the state. He was born in Valley, Nebraska, September 21, 1876, and is a son of Harrel and Catherine (Saunders) Byars, the former a native of Tennessee, while the latter was born in Virginia. They were married in Missouri, to which state they had removed with their respective parents during their childhood. The father has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and is now living retired in Valley, Nebraska. He was one of the first settlers of eastern Nebraska, where he located prior to the building of the Union Pacific Railroad into that section of the state.

Dr. Byars was reared under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the public schools and in the Fremont Normal College at Fremont, Nebraska. He thus gained broad literary knowledge to serve as a foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of his professional attainments. He prepared for the practice of dentistry as a student in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, which conferred upon him the D. D. S. degree as a member of the class of 1903. Following his graduation he was located in Edina, Missouri, where he remained for three years, and he then removed to Valley, Nebraska, where he successfully practiced for six years. In October, 1912, he came to Wyoming, settling in Thermopolis, where he has built up an extensive practice. He has associated with him Dr. G. A. De Freece, one of the skilled dental surgeons of Wyoming. Dr. Byars has splendidly equipped offices and laboratory unsurpassed in the entire western country and his work is the last word in dental practice and surgery. He is most skilled in the use of the multitudinous delicate instruments necessary in the care and preservation of the teeth, possessing not only broad scientific knowledge but also that expert mechanical skill which is ever a part of the equipment of the successful dentist.

While his practice makes heavy demands upon his time, Dr. Byars has also



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become interested in other business. Recognizing the opportunities for development of the oil industry of the state, he has made investments along that line. He was the organizer and incorporator of the Warm Springs Oil Development Company, which has brought in three producing wells, the first one of which was the first well brought in in the Warm Springs field, and they are now further developing their property. Dr. Byars has sixteen hundred acres of land under lease and six hundred and forty acres is controlled by the Warm Springs Oil Development Company, while the remainder of the sixteen hundred acres is under his personal control. Dr. Byars is president of this company and its operations are proving highly profitable.

In his political views the Doctor is a democrat and is now serving as a member of the city council of Thermopolis. Fraternally he is identified with Malta Lodge, No. 17, F. & A. M.; Mount Hermon Chapter, No. 12, R. A. M.; Mount Lebanon Commandery, No. 11, K. T.; and Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Sheridan. His life is an expression of the beneficent spirit of the craft.

In 1905 Dr. Byars was united in marriage in Edina, Missouri, to Miss Frances Bradshaw and to them has been born a daughter, Dorothy B. The parents occupy an enviable position in social circles, having many warm friends throughout this portion of the state. His professional prominence and business activity have made Dr. Byars widely known and his career has been remarkably successful, chiefly by reason of his natural ability and his thorough insight into the profession to which he turned his attention in young manhood. His friends speak of him as one who at all times is the same genial, courteous gentleman whose ways are those of refinement and whose word no man can question.

ANDREW V. CAZENAVE.

At the age of nineteen years Andrew V. Cazenave started out to provide for his own support and whatever success he has since achieved or enjoyed is attributable to his close application, indefatigable energy and sound business judgment. That he has steadily progressed is indicated in the fact that he is now manager of the Penney Company, dealers in dry goods, men's furnishings and boots and shoes at Rawlins. He is thus active in control of one of the important commercial interests of his adopted city.

He was born October 21, 1881, in Los Angeles, California, a son of the late Peter Cazenave, who was a native of France and came to America during the '50s. He took up his abode in Los Angeles county, California, where he maintained his home throughout his remaining days, being called to his final rest in 1898. He passed away in Bakersfield, California, at the age of fifty-five years. For an extended period he engaged in the hotel business and during the latter part of his life followed agricultural pursuits. He was one of the first to plant an olive grove in California and at the time of his demise was proprietor of the largest grove of that kind in the state. His first grove was planted in the San Fernando valley on property of the Franciscan brothers. He was very active and in fact became a leader in the development of olive growing as a state industry, and the business has become one of the important sources of revenue to California. Mr. Cazenave deserved great credit for his initial efforts in this respect and his demonstration of the possibilities of olive growing in that section of the country. His wife, Mrs. Josephine Cazenave, was a native of California and a representative of one of the old families of the state, of Belgian descent. She died in 1885, at the early age of twenty-four years. In the family were three children, one of whom has passed away. The brother of our subject is Joseph Cazenave, an agriculturist living at Los Angeles.

Andrew V. Cazenave pursued his education in private schools of his native city and in the Worthington Military Academy at Lincoln, Nebraska. He came to Wyoming on the 4th of March, 1894. He made his initial step in the business

world when a youth of nineteen years and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources. He was first employed in mercantile lines by the Richards & Cunningham Company of Casper, Wyoming, entering their employ as a clerk. He remained with that house for nine years and during the latter part of the period had charge of their men's furnishing goods department. At length he resigned his position and returned to the Pacific coast, locating at Hood River, Oregon, where he became identified with agricultural pursuits, to which he devoted his time and energies successfully for four years. He then disposed of his interests in that state and returned to the mountain country, settling in Denver, Colorado. He then resumed mercantile interests and in 1913 he became associated with the Penney Company at Montrose, Colorado, where he continued for a year, when the high altitude necessitated a change of climate. He was transferred to Hastings, Nebraska, where he continued for another year. From Nebraska he removed to Rawlins and took charge of the store of which he is now manager. This was established in 1915 and his business is the leading commercial enterprise in this section, the firm employing on an average of six salespeople. The business is under the immediate direction of Mr. Cazenave, who has become thoroughly familiar with commercial methods and opportunities and who in the conduct of the business has maintained the highest mercantile standards.

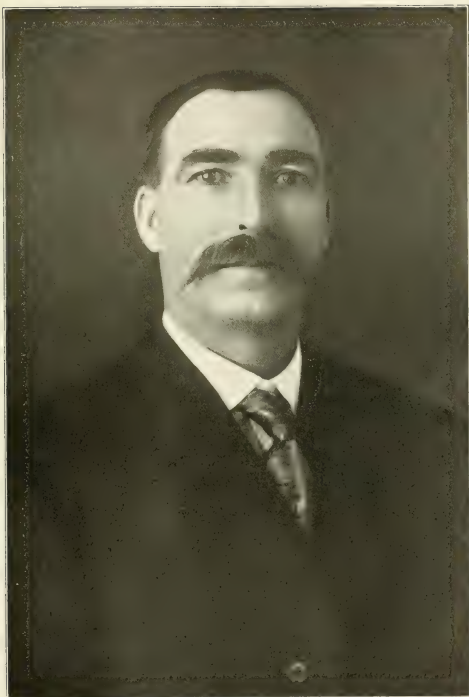
In Denver, Colorado, on the 30th of May, 1913, Mr. Cazenave was married to Miss Mary G. Wilhite, native of Missouri and a daughter of J. W. Wilhite. In politics Mr. Cazenave is a progressive republican but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and attention upon his individual interests. Fraternally he is connected with Cheyenne Lodge, No. 660, B. P. O. E.

He is a representative of one of the pioneer families of the state. His uncle, Victor Cazenave, brought the first sheep to the state, settling in Carbon county, and during his first year met with many reverses, losing five thousand sheep. However, he was one of the promoters of the industry and put forth effort which has proven a foundation stone in the upbuilding of one of the leading industries of this section of the country. In later years his nephew, Andrew V. Cazenave, has continued the work of business development here and Rawlins regards him as a valuable acquisition to her commercial circles.

HENRY HARRIS.

Henry Harris, manager for the Uinta Mercantile Company at Evanston and thus widely and favorably known in the commercial circles of the city, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, September 8, 1866. His father, Matthew Harris, now deceased, was also a native of Nottinghamshire, England, where he engaged in business as a car repairer. Crossing the Atlantic to America, he first settled at Almy, Wyoming, where he cast in his lot with the pioneer citizens. He was employed by the Union Pacific Railway Company for a period of twenty-seven years and during his later life he engaged successfully in stock raising and farming in Uinta county. His life record covered seventy-three years and commanded for him the respect and goodwill of all with whom he was associated. He married Sarah Goddard, a native of Nottinghamshire, England, their marriage being celebrated in the mother country. To them were born ten children, of whom Henry Harris was the fourth in order of birth. The mother reached the age of seventy-six years.

Henry Harris was educated in the public schools of England, where he remained until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he crossed the Atlantic to America and made his way direct to Evanston. He immediately secured a position as cash boy and delivery boy with the Beckwith Mercantile Company, which was his initial experience along mercantile lines. He started out in the business world at a wage of sixty dollars per month and that he was faithful and reliable is indicated by the fact that he remained with his first firm for seven



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years and then resigned his position to become associated with the Union Pacific Coal Company in the mercantile department. He entered the employ of that corporation as a clerk and was advanced from time to time to a managerial position, representing the company at Almy, at Cumberland and at Scofield, Utah, and also at Superior, Wyoming, acting as manager for three different stores. He continued as manager with the company for thirteen years and his entire connection with the corporation covered sixteen years. He then left the Union Pacific to enter into active association with the Uinta Mercantile Company as manager and one of the stockholders. He has since been in active association with the company and his marked business ability has contributed in substantial measure to its growing success. This firm has the second largest mercantile establishment in the county, employing five people and doing an annual business of thirty-five thousand dollars. A carefully selected stock is carried and the business methods of the house are thoroughly progressive and equally reliable, a policy that commands unqualified confidence being instituted by Mr. Harris and therefore bringing a substantial trade.

At Logan, Utah, on October 14, 1891, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Fowkes, a native of Almy, Wyoming, and a daughter of Reuben and Mary Fowkes, who were pioneer people of Utah and of Wyoming but have now passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Harris have been born seven children: Caroline Annie; Martin F., who is associated with his father in business; Irvin H., living in Evanston; Walter M.; Clarence William; Ione Mary; and Berenice L.

In his political views Mr. Harris is a republican, giving unfaltering allegiance to the party. He served as postmaster at Superior, Wyoming, for five years, but otherwise has not held office, feeling that the pursuits of private life are in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious faith is that of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. He came to America a poor boy of but fifteen years, but he recognized the fact that opportunity is open to all and he has wisely and carefully used the advantages that have come to him. He is fortunate in that he possesses character and ability that inspire confidence in others and the simple weight of his character and ability have carried him into important commercial connections.

FRANK A. BREZOVNIK.

Frank A. Brezovnik is one of the best known and most popular citizens and automobile men of Wyoming. He is conducting business at Kemmerer, in Lincoln county, and has the largest auto salesroom, garage and repair department west of Denver. While still a young man and a resident of Wyoming for only seven or eight years, his success is indeed notable and is indicative of his strength of character, his persistency of purpose, his keen discernment in business affairs and his indefatigable energy.

He was born in Blemberg, Germany, on the 7th of December, 1883, a son of Frank A. and Anna (Bless) Brezovnik. The father was also a native of Germany, while the mother was born in Austria. They were reared and educated in their respective countries and were married in Austria. Subsequently they resided in Blemberg, Germany, for some time and the father there devoted his attention to mechanical pursuits. He became a locomotive engineer and passed away in Blemberg in 1906. Following the death of her husband the mother returned with her family to her native land and is still a resident of Austria. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children: Frank A., Thomas, Francis and Zephine, all of whom are residents of Austria with the exception of Frank A., who is the youngest of the family.

In early life Frank A. Brezovnik pursued his education in the schools of Germany and continued his studies in Austria after the removal of the family



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to that country following the death of his father. He later pursued a course in mechanical engineering in the University of Vienna and after most thorough and comprehensive training resulting in notable efficiency he was graduated with the degree of Mechanical Engineer with the class of 1903. He then followed his chosen line in Austria in various cities for four years, but at length, believing that broader opportunities could be secured on this side the Atlantic, he crossed the briny deep to the new world in 1907 and immediately began a search for a favorable location. During his travels he worked along mechanical lines in almost every state in the Union from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian border to Mexico. Of all the regions in which he worked and that he visited he concluded that Wyoming offered the best advantages, for he recognized the possibilities in this new and rapidly developing state. He settled first at Cumberland, Wyoming, where he followed mechanical pursuits until 1911, when he removed to Kemmerer and erected a building for garage purposes. Since that time he has conducted an automobile and garage business in Kemmerer that has constantly grown in popularity and success. After carrying on the business at his original location for a time he sold out in 1916 and built the modern structure of brick and concrete, where he is now conducting business. He has the largest automobile house in the state and one of the largest west of Denver, so men well informed concerning the subject say. He has developed an immense business and maintains an extensive sales room, handling the Buick, Oldsmobile, National, Haynes and Oakland cars and also the G. M. C., the Federal and the Republic trucks. His sales have reached a very gratifying figure annually and since January, 1917, he has disposed of over one hundred cars and trucks. He also has a large garage and repair shop and he employs regularly eight experienced mechanics. His own thorough training has been of immense benefit to him in this direction as it enables him to understand the mechanism of every car which he handles and to direct the efforts of those who are employed on repair work in his establishment. The building which he occupies is modern in every particular. There is a vulcanizing plant and up-to-date machinery of every description needed in connection with the automobile trade. Over the garage and sales rooms are modern apartments which he leases.

Politically Mr. Brezovnik maintains an independent course, not allying himself with any party. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished as he has worked his way upward entirely through his individual efforts and persistency of purpose. Coming to America little more than a decade ago with limited capital but with broad collegiate training, he has steadily advanced and is today numbered among the prosperous residents of his section of the state.

FRED SCHOETTLIN.

Fred Schoettlin is doing big things, even in this country where everything is measured by large standards. He is one of the prominent sheep growers of Fremont county, having thousands of acres of land, on which he is pasturing great flocks. He was born in Switzerland, August 2, 1869, and is a son of John and Margaret (Neukom) Schoettlin, both of whom spent their entire lives in the land of the Alps.

The son, Fred Schoettlin, was reared under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the public and high schools, and in the fall of 1892, when a young man of twenty-three years, he left his native country and came to the United States. He did not tarry in the east but made his way across the country and took up his abode in Fremont county, Wyoming, where he began working for wages. In the years immediately following he engaged in farm work, rode the range and herded sheep. During the panic of 1893 he was forced to work at whatever offered, for financial conditions so depressed business that any posi-



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tion was hard to obtain. With resolute spirit, however, he passed through this depressing period and by the fall of 1898 had managed to save from his earnings a small sum of money and started in business on his own account. He purchased a little bunch of sheep which he put upon the open range. Today he is the owner of eight hundred acres of land and leases thirty-five thousand acres of Indian land besides three additional sections, one of state land and two sections of school land. Thus more than forty thousand acres of land is under his control and upon the wide range he pastured in the winter of 1918 about four thousand head of sheep. This is today one of the important industries of the state, constituting a chief source of growing wealth and prosperity in Wyoming.

In 1907 Mr. Schoettlin was married to Miss Elzie Keller, of Switzerland, returning to his native land for his bride, thus making his second visit to Switzerland after becoming a resident of America. To Mr. and Mrs. Schoettlin have been born two children, Margaret and Meta.

Politically Mr. Schoettlin is a republican, having supported the party since becoming a naturalized American citizen. Fraternally he is connected with Lander Lodge, No. 10, K. P., and also belongs to the Woodmen of the World. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church and are highly esteemed in Lander, where their genuine worth has secured for them the hospitality of the best homes. Mr. Schoettlin is a member of the Lander Commercial Club and is one of the representative residents of his city, alert and enterprising in all that pertains to civic progress and municipal improvement, while at the same time he wisely and carefully directs his business affairs, which from a most modest beginning have developed into extensive proportions.

S. H. COCKINS.

S. H. Cockins is a retired rancher of Basin who has now reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey. He has been variously identified with the development, interests and business activity of the northwest for forty years and the careful management of his affairs has brought to him a substantial return that has for some time relieved him of the necessity for further labor. He is now enjoying the comforts and some of the luxuries of life amid pleasant surroundings at his attractive home in Basin.

He was born in Ohio, February 3, 1838, and is a son of Vincent and Hannah E. (Wright) Cockins, the former a native of Pennsylvania, while the latter was born in Maryland. Following their marriage they removed to Ohio, settling on a farm in that state, where they began their domestic life in true pioneer style. Their first home in Ohio was a log cabin and the other buildings upon their farm were also built of logs. Upon the old homestead the parents spent their remaining days and there they reared their family of ten children, four of whom are yet living.

S. H. Cockins spent the period of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead and received his education in the public schools of Ohio, dividing his time between the mastery of his studies and the work of the fields. He continued a resident of that state until 1877, when he started for the west, locating first in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where he remained for eleven years. In the spring of 1888 he came to the Big Horn country and engaged in the live stock business, which he continuously followed until 1909, when he retired and took up his abode in Basin, where he has since made his home. He still owns farm interests, and is also one of the directors of the Bighorn County Bank and also a heavy stockholder in the First National Bank of Greybull and in the Kane Bank of Kane, Wyoming, of which he is the vice president.

Mr. Cockins is an honored veteran of the Civil war. When the country became involved in hostilities between the north and the south Mr. Cockins responded to the call of the Union and in 1861 joined Company A of the Seventy-eighth Ohio Infantry, with which he served until September 7, 1863. He was severely

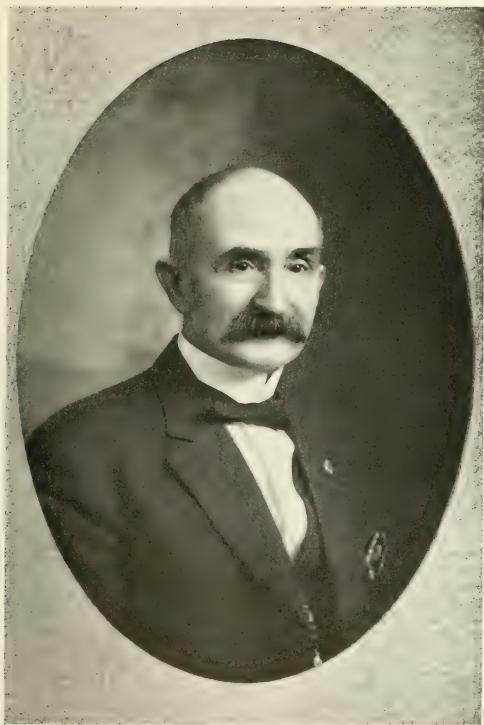
wounded at the battle of Raymond, Mississippi, sustaining a wound in his left arm which incapacitated him for further field service and he was mustered out at St. Louis, Missouri, returning to his home with a most creditable military record. He then resumed the live stock business in Ohio, with which he was connected until he removed to South Dakota in 1877.

He maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Grand Army Post, No. 110, at Basin, Wyoming. He is also a member of Temple Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is numbered among the pioneer settlers of his section of the state and is one of those men who have helped to make Bighorn county what it is today. He has been an active factor in its business progress and in its development along civic lines and his influence has always been an element for general improvement.

LOUIS SCHALK.

Louis Schalk, acceptably filling the position of postmaster of Rawlins, was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1852, a son of John and Katherine Schalk, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in early life, the father when twenty-one years of age and the mother when a little maiden of eight summers. For a number of years Mr. Schalk conducted a hotel in Pittston, Pennsylvania, but eventually sold his interests there and moved to Iowa, where he secured five hundred acres of virgin land. He then performed the arduous task of breaking the sod and cultivating his fields, which work he carried on with the assistance of his son, thus becoming actively, prominently and successfully identified with agricultural interests. His last days were spent in Newton, Iowa, where he passed away at the age of eighty-five years. His wife died in that city at the age of eighty-six. They were the parents of six children, all of whom are yet living: John B., who resides in Newton, Iowa; Louis; Charles F., who is living in Mexico; Louise and Mrs. C. F. Cowgill, both of whom are residents of Newton; and Emma, also living in Newton.

Louis Schalk was the second in order of birth. In his boyhood days he attended a private school of Pittston, Pennsylvania, and following the removal of the family to the west became a student in the district schools of Iowa. Through the period of his boyhood and youth he worked upon the home farm with his father and after his textbooks were put aside concentrated his entire attention upon the cultivation of the fields. At the age of thirty years he left home and made his way to Laramie, Wyoming, where he engaged in government survey work with the firm of Downey & Grant. In the fall of 1883 he entered the book and stationery business at Laramie and there remained until March 28, 1884, when he established his home in Rawlins, where he again became engaged in the book and stationery business, continuing active in that field for eight years. He built up a trade of large and gratifying proportions and at length he sold out to enter the real estate business, also establishing a fire and life insurance department. He then continued successfully along those lines until he was appointed postmaster by President Wilson. On the 13th of December, 1913, he assumed the duties of the position, which he has since filled, making a most creditable record in the office by the prompt and systematic manner in which he discharges his duties. This is not the first office which Mr. Schalk has filled. He was city clerk during the administration of Mayor John E. Osborne in 1886 and after occupying that position for one year he was nominated the following spring for the office of city trustee and served in that capacity for three years, during which time he acted as president of the board of trustees. Later he was elected county commissioner and was made chairman of the board, continuing in that capacity for two years, after which he was renominated for the office but failed of election. In 1892 he was appointed to fill out an unexpired term as postmaster under President Cleveland's administration. He was out of



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office then for seven years, after which he was appointed deputy postmaster under P. L. Smith, serving for more than three years. He was then again out of office for three years and in 1913, as previously stated, was called to the position of postmaster, in which he is now serving.

At Rock Springs, Wyoming, on September 18, 1889, Mr. Schalk was married to Miss Mary Ann Johnson, a native of Portsmouth, Ontario, Canada. They have become the parents of three children, William Charles Eugene, who was born December 14, 1890, in Rawlins, attended the schools of his native city and the McKinley Manual Training School in Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in 1906. He is now acting as assistant postmaster. John S., the second son, was born in Rawlins in 1892, was graduated from the high school and afterward was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company as baggage man and bill clerk. While thus engaged he learned typewriting and afterward was at Douglas, Wyoming, passing the civil service examination which secured him a position in the land office at Douglas. In February, 1918, he was appointed stenographer for the Four Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regular Engineers Transportation Corps, Twenty-first Company and is now at Fort Slocum, New York. Robert Louis, born in Rawlins, in 1900, attended the public schools of this city and is now a student in the preparatory school at Boulder, Colorado.

Mr. Schalk is a charter member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Rawlins. He and his family are all active members of the Episcopal church and Mrs. Schalk was president of the Ladies' Guild, which position she occupied for a number of years. Mrs. Schalk served as chairman of the Carbon County Liberty Loan Committee. A most public-spirited citizen, he stands for all that has to do with the advancement of the interests of his country and of the commonwealth.

ELMER G. PETERSON, D. D. S.

Dentistry is unique among the professions, most of which require marked intellectual strength only if success is to be attained, but the dentist in addition to broad scientific knowledge must have marked mechanical skill and ingenuity if he would capably handle the many delicate instruments required in the work that devolves upon him. Added to this, of course, he must possess business management which must underlie the successful control of any undertaking. Dr. Peterson is well equipped in all of these regards and has made for himself a position in professional circles which many an older representative of the profession might well envy.

A native of Colorado, he was born in Aspen, January 21, 1893, a son of L. Eric and Alma Peterson, who were natives of Sweden. In early life they became residents of Colorado and were married in Denver. The father devoted his life to contracting and mining, thus providing for his family.

Dr. Peterson, the eldest child, attended the public schools of Aspen until he had completed the work of the high school course, after which he became a student in the Colorado College of Dental Surgery, a department of the University of Denver, and was graduated therefrom on the completion of the regular course with the class of 1915. Immediately afterward he came to Rawlins and opened an office, where he has since built up a large and gratifying practice, ranking with the leading dentists of the city. He belongs to the Wyoming Dental Society and has been made chairman of its membership committee. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession, reading broadly and thinking deeply, while practical experience is constantly adding to his knowledge and proficiency. He has one of the finest dental suites in the state, supplied with the latest instruments and appliances for dental work and surgery, and his practice is the expression of the last word in dental science.

Dr. Peterson belongs to Delta Sigma Delta, a college fraternity. Politically he

maintains an independent course, voting according to the capability of the candidate rather than by reason of his party ties. He is a young man, well known and popular socially as well as professionally, and the circle of his friends is constantly growing as the circle of his acquaintance widens.

NORVAL W. REYNOLDS.

Norval W. Reynolds is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of every community, being a representative of the bar at Kemmerer. He was born in Factoryville, Wyoming county, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1849. His father, Joseph W. Reynolds, also a native of the Keystone state, came of Scotch-Irish ancestry, the family having been founded in America by four brothers who came to the new world from England prior to the Revolutionary war, and among the ancestors of Norval W. Reynolds were those who participated in the struggle for independence. His father was a millwright and later in life turned his attention to carpentering and to farming. He enlisted for service in the Civil war and went to the front, his death resulting from wounds which he had received in a battle near Petersburg. He had joined the army as a member of Company H of the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and although a musician, he went into the ranks and was wounded, his death resulting on the 10th of March, 1866. His political endorsement was given to the republican party and he was a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In early manhood he had wedded Phebe Stark, who was also a native of Pennsylvania and a descendant of General John Stark of Revolutionary war fame. Her death occurred in 1898, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. In the family were eight children, all of whom are yet living.

Norval W. Reynolds was the fifth in order of birth and while spending his youthful days in his mother's home he pursued his education in the public and high schools at Nicholson, Wyoming county, Pennsylvania. He started out to provide for his support when a lad of eighteen years. His early experiences were those of the farmbred boy and after leaving home he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for five years in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He then entered the lumber business, which he followed for five years. While engaged in teaching he had devoted the hours that are usually termed leisure to the study of Blackstone and other commentaries on law and later in life he systematically took up the study of law in the office of Stanley Harding in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania. After his admission to the bar he practiced law for a short period in the east and then came to Wyoming, settling in Lincoln county on the 12th of May, 1907. Here he turned his attention to ranching and the raising of live stock near Cokeville, where he secured a desert claim and also homesteaded. He is now extensively engaged in farming and in raising live stock as well as practicing law and is regarded as one of the foremost business men of this section of the state.

On the 20th of May, 1871, in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Reynolds wedded Miss Emma Squier, a native of the Keystone state and a daughter of Arah Squier. They have two living children: Effie P., the wife of George F. Alleman, who is a ranchman residing near Cokeville; and Marshall Stark, who is an attorney at law, having graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the LL. B. degree in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Alleman have six children: Emma D. and George Reynolds, who were born in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania; Winton H., who was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming; and Norval W., Susan and Arthur Marshall, all born in Cokeville. The son, Marshall S. Reynolds, following his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania, began practicing law at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he remained for a year, after which



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he returned to Wyoming and opened an office in Cokeville. For two years he served as county attorney. He later located for practice in Kemmerer on the 1st of January, 1914, and was in active practice until August 25, 1917, when he joined the Third Company of the Coast Artillery in the Officers Reserve Corps and is now stationed at Fort Scott, having been promoted to judge advocate, attached to the First Company of Coast Artillery. His father has taken over his practice and is handling important interests at the bar, being connected with much litigation that figures prominently on the court records.

In his political views Mr. N. W. Reynolds is a republican, having always supported the party since reaching adult age. He was made a Mason in Kemmerer and is a loyal follower of the craft. He belongs to the Methodist church and is serving on its board of directors. His military record covers service in the Spanish-American war, at which time he organized Company M of the Ninth Regiment of the Pennsylvania militia, which later became Company K of the Thirteenth regulars. This regiment was organized at Scranton, Pennsylvania, but never entered active service. Mr. Reynolds, however, was made captain of the company, which stood ready to go to the defense of the colors at any time called, but the early close of the war led to the regiment being mustered out without having seen service at the front. Mr. Reynolds was for six years clerk of the courts of Wyoming county, Pennsylvania, occupying that position from January 1, 1893, until January 1, 1899. He also served as constable for six years and was chief of police for a period of three years. His activity in politics has been a potent force in the attainment of republican successes in the communities in which he has lived. He is an active supporter of all progressive civic measures and at all times he keeps thoroughly informed concerning the vital and significant problems of the age, political or otherwise. He is a thoroughly proficient lawyer, careful and systematic in the preparation of his cases, strong in argument and clear in his reasoning, and at the same time he has that keen business discernment which has promoted his success in connection with live stock raising and ranching. In a word he is one of the representative men of his section of the state.

A. G. REX.

A. G. Rex, who is actively and successfully engaged in the stationery business in Evanston, was born in Sherbourne, England, May 11, 1848, a son of William and Mary (Mead) Rex, who in 1850 bade adieu to friends and native land and came to America, taking up their abode in St. Louis, Missouri. The father died the following year at the age of thirty-five. He had devoted his attention to the bakery business, in which he continued until the time of his demise. At a later period his widow removed to Wyoming and died at Randolph, Rich county, Utah, when eighty-four years of age. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, two of whom are still living, William Rex being a resident of Randolph, Utah.

The younger, A. G. Rex, spent his boyhood in St. Louis, Missouri, where he attended the public schools, pursuing his studies in the Elliot school at Eighth street near Cass avenue. He afterward learned the machinist's trade in St. Louis, serving a regular apprenticeship and gaining an expert knowledge of the business. He came to the west in 1869, making his way first to Salt Lake City, while later he settled upon a ranch near Randolph, Utah, where he remained for a year. He then abandoned that property and removed to Evanston, where he continued to work at his trade for the Union Pacific Railway Company from March, 1872, until July, 1894, or for a period of twenty-two years. He then retired from the employ of the Union Pacific and established his present business as a stationer and dealer in newspapers, magazines and notions. He has one of the leading stores in his line in this section of the state and his trade has reached substantial and gratifying proportions.

In August, 1872, Mr. Rex was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Smith, of Randolph, who passed away in March, 1893. She was a daughter of Hugh and Agnes Smith. There was one child, Nellie, now the wife of John R. Nielson, and who was born in Evanston in 1886. For his second wife Mr. Rex chose Miss Emma Josephine Carpenter, who was born in Brooklyn, New York. She was a daughter of Elliott Carpenter, now deceased, and is a representative of one of the oldest New England families, the original American ancestor having come to the new world during the Mayflower period. The family was represented by those who rendered active service in defense of the cause of independence during the Revolutionary war and Mrs. Rex is eligible to be a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and also the Colonial Dames. She is a great-great-grandniece of Benjamin Franklin and on the pages of the family history appear many other illustrious names.

Mr. Rex is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been grand master of the state of Wyoming. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and in 1882 he was called upon to represent his district in the state legislature. Again, in 1890, he was chosen to that position, so that for more than two terms he has been actively connected with the work of framing the laws of the state. His has been a busy and useful life, not only in connection with business interests but in a public way as well, and his worth is widely acknowledged by all who know him.

CHARLES L. CLARK.

The spirit of enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the rapid and substantial upbuilding of the west is manifest in the business career of Charles L. Clark, a leading jeweler of Laramie, whose life record is an indication of what may be accomplished by individual purpose intelligently directed.

He was born in Walker, Kansas, September 27, 1882, a son of Sayer D. and Lydia (Brady) Clark, the former a native of Iowa and the latter of Ohio. On removing westward they made the journey across the country with ox teams and settled in Fort Walker, then a frontier outpost. The father engaged in the blacksmith's trade at Fort Walker, there residing until 1888, when he went to Colorado, establishing his home in Boulder, where he and his wife still reside.

Charles L. Clark, their only child, attended the schools of Boulder and also was a student in the parochial school of that place. He pursued a business course and thus became well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties. He afterward began learning the jeweler's trade, with which he became familiar in principle and detail, remaining in the employ of one jewelry firm for seven years. He afterward went upon the road as a traveling salesman, selling jewelry for four years, and on the expiration of that period he came to Laramie, where he entered the employ of E. D. Carter, with whom he remained for four and a half years. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account and while thus employed he carefully saved his earnings until his economy and industry had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a stock and open a jewelry store. During the intervening period he has become one of the leading jewelers not only of Laramie but of southern Wyoming. His success is the result of close application, persistent energy, progressive methods and honorable dealing, and his trade is now most gratifying.

On the 4th of October, 1909, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth W. Wilson, of Denver, a daughter of William and Helen L. Wilson, of that city. They now have one child, Helen Elizabeth, who was born in Laramie, November 1, 1912. The parents are members of the Roman Catholic church and Mr. Clark belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, having formerly served as exalted ruler of his lodge. In politics he maintains an inde-

pendent course, casting his ballot according to his judgment without regard to party ties. His life record is that of a self-made man who has worked his way from small beginnings without assistance from anyone, and as the architect of his fortunes he has builded wisely and well.

ALBERT OLSON.

Albert Olson, who is engaged in the hardware and undertaking business at Lovell, was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the 7th of August, 1874, a son of Olaf and Carrie Olson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They came to America in childhood and settled in Minnesota. Subsequently they removed to Utah, where the father is still living.

Albert Olson was reared and educated in Utah and in 1900 came to Lovell, being among the first settlers of the county. He was a contractor and builder and followed that occupation for some time. Later he engaged in the lumber, furniture and hardware business but subsequently disposed of his stock of furniture and his lumberyard but still engages in the hardware and undertaking business. He is also one of the directors of the electric light and gas company. He is likewise interested in live stock and in farming and has an excellent ranch of two hundred and forty acres near Lovell. He is a man of marked business enterprise and keen sagacity who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. His forcefulness and resourcefulness have been elements in his growing success. He has utilized the opportunities here offered and in their improvement has made steady progress until he is now one of the foremost business men of Bighorn county.

In 1900 Mr. Olson was united in marriage to Miss Rena Aagard, a native of Utah, and to them have been born ten children, namely, Randall, Edith, Lucille, Aagard, Geraldine, Bertha, Robert, Margie, Ethel and Victor. The last three are deceased.

The parents are members of the Mormon church. In his political views Mr. Olson is a republican and is recognized as one of the leaders in local party ranks. He is now serving as a member of the city council exercising his official prerogatives in support of many plans and measures for the general good. He is president of the Commercial Club, a position which he has occupied for six years. This fact alone indicates his progressive spirit, for he has done effective work as the leading officer in the club in the effort to extend the trade relations of the city, to uphold its commercial activity and to advance its civic standards. He is alert and energetic and through the careful conduct of his business affairs he has worked his way steadily upward until he is now one of the leading and prosperous residents of Lovell.

JOHN R. WHISTON.

John R. Whiston, who through indefatigable effort and laudable ambition intelligently directed has won a place among the leading business men of Kemmerer and is widely known throughout the state as one of the popular young men of Wyoming, was born May 9, 1889, at Aurora, Wyoming, his parents being Daniel and Bridget Whiston, who came to Wyoming in 1884.

The father was born in Ireland, while the mother was a native of Pennsylvania. When a lad of eleven years Daniel Whiston crossed the Atlantic to the new world and took up his abode in Missouri, but after a brief period removed from that state to Papillion, Nebraska. It was at about the same period that his future wife went to Nebraska with her parents and there the young people met and were married. Mrs. Whiston's parents were among the early settlers of Nebraska.



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Daniel Whiston was a well known railroad contractor and worked at railroad building for the Union Pacific. It was in that connection that he finally removed to Laramie, Wyoming, where he remained until called to his final rest, his death occurring in 1892, when he had reached the age of thirty-seven years. His widow survived him for a considerable period and passed away in Hanna, Wyoming, in 1913 at the age of fifty-one years. They had a family of five children, of whom Mr. Whiston of this review was the third in order of birth. The others are: Mary, who resides at Cokeville, Wyoming; Frances, also a resident of Cokeville; Mrs. Murray Ryburn, living at Hanna, Wyoming; and Maud, whose home is in Kemmerer.

Through the period of his boyhood and youth John R. Whiston largely devoted his time and attention to the acquirement of a public school education at Hanna and at Laramie, Wyoming, and later he entered the State University at Laramie, in which he devoted two years to study. He then entered the employ of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Hanna and occupied a clerical position there until 1906, when he returned to Laramie, where he established a confectionery business which he conducted until 1910. He then again took up his abode at Hanna and once more entered the employ of the Union Pacific Coal Company in a clerical capacity. He was thus engaged until 1915, when he removed to Kemmerer and here established a confectionery and stationery business, fitting out his store with elegant fixtures and most attractive equipment. He has since successfully conducted the business and now has a well established trade in confectionery, stationery, books, tobaccos, cigars and fancy pipes. The business is constantly growing and his patronage has reached profitable proportions. He is a very progressive business man and in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. Obstacles and difficulties in his path seem to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on his part and when one avenue of opportunity seems closed he seeks out another path that will lead him to the desired goal.

On the 17th of September, 1914, in Hanna, Mr. Whiston was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Peterson, and they have one child, Ruth, who was born in Kemmerer, June 15, 1917.

In his religious faith Mr. Whiston is a Catholic and his family are communicants of the same church. In politics he maintains an independent course and fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Laramie. His career has been marked by the steady progress which results from close application and persistency of purpose. Step by step he has worked his way upward until he is now one of the leading business men of Kemmerer. Not all days in his career have been equally bright, but he has managed to turn threatened failures into victories and he has won prosperity through an earnest desire to please his patrons, through indefatigable energy and straightforward dealing.

AUSTIN CLARK SLOAN.

Austin Clark Sloan, United States commissioner and attorney practicing at Evanston, was born at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 6, 1866, a son of William K. and Maria (Townsend) Sloan. The father was a native of Creetown, Kircudbrightshire, Scotland, while the mother was born in Maine. His birth occurred January 1, 1833, his parents being James and Elizabeth (McKean) Sloan. The father probably died in the fall of 1835 and William K. Sloan, with his mother, emigrated to America in the spring of the following year, the mother settling at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while William K. Sloan went to live on the farm of his uncle, David Murray, west of Pittsburgh. In February, 1838, the uncle with his family and accompanied by William K. Sloan and his mother, started down the Ohio river for Illinois on one of the first, if not the first, steamboats that navigated the Ohio river. At that time it was customary on dark nights for steamboats to tie up at some landing for the night. Three days after the



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start was made the weather became very cold, and while the boat was tied up for the night it became enclosed with ice and they were forced to remain for two weeks, waiting for a thaw. In April they arrived at Meredosia, Illinois, and by ox teams traveled to their destination—a tract of land about thirty miles from the Illinois river and ten miles south of Jacksonville. A more desolate place could scarcely be imagined. No fences had been built and the only improvement was a small log cabin partially covered with shakes or hand-made shingles. The night following their arrival there was a severe snowstorm. The family went through the usual hardships of pioneer farming and William K. Sloan remained upon that place until August, 1844, rising at five o'clock in the morning and never ceasing his labors until eight o'clock at night. He wore home-made and homespun clothing and he had practically no school opportunities, while the library in his uncle's home consisted only of the family Bible, Fox Book of Martyrs, Watts' hymns and a few other books such as were permitted to be read by the members of the strictly orthodox Presbyterian church. In the spring of 1844 he was taken to Jacksonville, Illinois, where his mother was then keeping house, and there he began to go to school in a little building sixteen by eighteen feet. Up to this time he had spoken as do the Scotch people, and when he entered the American school he became the butt of every boy at school and rapidly, therefore, learned to speak as did the American boys. After a few months spent in school at different periods he secured a clerkship in a store at a salary of fifty dollars per year, to board and clothe himself. The second year he was paid seventy-five dollars and his duties were such as usually fell to the lot of the assistant in a country store, and he was now permitted to wait on customers. The third year his salary was one hundred and fifty dollars per annum and out of this sum he had to board and clothe himself. In August, 1849, he left Jacksonville and went to St. Louis, being anxious to know something of the world. He thought that he would have no difficulty in obtaining employment, but day after day he tramped the streets in search of work, notwithstanding the fact that he bore several recommendations from his old employers. At length, however, he secured a position, but it was far from satisfactory and as soon as opportunity offered he made a change, securing employment in the wholesale dry goods house of Little & Olcott, January 1, 1850. He there remained for three years and each fall or winter he made a trip into the country districts to sell to country merchants, and when such merchants visited the city they were besieged by salesmen endeavoring to get their trade. In May, 1853, when making his usual evening rounds to look over hotel registers in search of patrons, he noticed the name of L. Stewart of Salt Lake, Utah. Engaging him in conversation, he had the pleasure of selling him a large bill of goods the next day for cash. His talk with a western merchant awakened in him so strong a desire to go to California that he decided to give up his position and accompany Mr. Stewart as far as Salt Lake City and thence proceed to California. He left St. Louis on the 22d of June, 1853, traveled by boat to Council Bluffs and thence across the country with ox teams, with the usual experiences of the emigrant party of that early day. While en route they were attacked by the Indians when within sight of Fort Kearney, where four companies of United States troops were stationed. The flag on the fort they could see distinctly about eight miles distant, and though they repeatedly tried to get messages through to the fort, each one was intercepted by the Indians, whose band numbered about twenty-five hundred. It was with great relief that the party of western travelers saw these Indians depart. They saw their first buffaloes about sixty miles west of Fort Kearney, and as they proceeded they saw at one time over the vast plains herds that must have numbered a hundred thousand. As they proceeded and grass became scarcer, it increased the difficulties of the trip, as there was little to feed the oxen and cattle. The food supply for the company also became almost exhausted and word was sent on ahead by a post messenger for a wagon to come and meet the party with supplies. It was no difficulty for Mr. Stewart to dispose of his goods when he reached Utah, and Mr. Sloan remained as his active assistant.

Hardly had goods been placed upon the counters, which consisted of two carpenter work benches, before they were taken up by the people of the neighborhood, who paid cash at the rate of from a hundred to one thousand per cent profit. Mr. Sloan had not believed that he would be retained in the services of Mr. Stewart, but the latter one day asked him how he would like to return to St. Louis in the early spring and purchase next year's stock, believing that he was well qualified to make the purchase and manage the business of getting the goods to Salt Lake. At length he accepted the proposition, which was a liberal one, his salary to be two thousand dollars per year, with all traveling expenses, or a third interest in the business. Mr. Sloan chose the former proposition, with the privilege of taking the latter if he felt so disposed on his return to Salt Lake. He then began preparations for the journey. On going to Salt Lake, Mr. Sloan and Mr. Stewart learned that a party had already been formed to go to the states by way of the southern route to Los Angeles and San Francisco and thence by steamer to New York. They expected to start November 10th, and still another party was being formed to go overland to Independence, Missouri, in February, 1854. Mr. Sloan, however, preferred to take the former route and, his employer consenting, arrangements were made for the journey. He had to carry with him the money for the purchases in gold coin amounting to forty thousand dollars or over two hundred pounds. Mr. Sloan, however, felt that this could not be done in safety and so thought out the plan by which Mr. Stewart was to place the money in the safe of the firm of Livingston & Kinkead in Salt Lake City, a firm that was well known in St. Louis. The journey was carried through as contemplated and on the 9th of February, 1854, Mr. Sloan arrived in New York. After remaining there for two days he started for St. Louis, where goods were purchased and arrangements made for their transportation. The return journey was at length accomplished in safety and Mr. Sloan was active in disposing of the goods in Salt Lake City. The firm with which he was connected also engaged in trading for cattle and wheat, finding a good market for cattle in California, while there was no difficulty in selling grain to the emigrants and the Mormons. At length he went to Provo to dispose of goods at that place and found business there quite remunerative. After taking up his abode at Provo, it was his custom to make semi-monthly trips to Salt Lake and on one of those trips he first met Miss Maria Townsend, who afterward became his wife. On returning from his first trip to buy goods in St. Louis he had accepted Mr. Stewart's first offer of two thousand dollars as a salary but felt that he made a mistake in this, as the firm had sold their goods at a large profit. In 1855, therefore, he entered into partnership with Mr. Stewart and Louis P. Drexler, and arranged to again go east to make the purchase of shipments. This time they made the trip to California and thence proceeded by way of the Panama route, crossing the Isthmus to Aspinwall on the railroad and embarking for New Orleans by way of Havana on the steamer Philadelphia. Arriving at New Orleans, Mr. Sloan thence proceeded up the Mississippi river to St. Louis. He learned that Indians were causing much trouble on the plains and he could get no freighters to take his goods. He therefore found it necessary to remain in St. Louis for a year and in order to pass the time and pay expenses accepted a clerkship in the house of his old employers, Little & Olcott. During the winter of 1855-56 he made arrangements to buy cattle and wagons and freight the goods himself for the firm, instead of contracting with freighters as he had done the previous year. In 1857 Brigham Young forced the Gentiles to leave and Mr. Sloan and his partner, Mr. Drexler, were obliged to sell out to Mr. Stewart. There was no phase of pioneer life in the west, in travel across the plains, in the settlement of Utah or in other phases of frontier experience with which Mr. Sloan was not familiar. Both he and his wife returned to Salt Lake City and their last days were there passed, his death occurring on June 8, 1893. They had a family of five children: Mrs. C. M. Bissell, who is living in Albany, New York; Mrs. E. M. Cameron, also a resident of Albany; Austin Clark, of this review; Mrs. F. P. Walker, residing in Boston, Massachusetts; and William F., deceased.

In his youthful days Austin C. Sloan pursued his education in the schools of Salt Lake City, after which he attended the Collegiate Institute and in due course of time was graduated therefrom. He then came to Wyoming, settling at Hilliard, and worked with his father in the town, which his father had established. Later he removed to Evanston and entered upon an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade. At a subsequent period he turned his attention to the raising of sheep, in which he continued active for three years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and edited the Wyoming Press for a year, at the end of which time Senator Clark secured for him a position in Washington, D. C., and he went to the east. While thus engaged he studied law and was admitted to the bar on the 15th of December, 1903. Returning to Wyoming, he entered upon the practice of law in Evanston and in the intervening period of fifteen years has built up a large practice. His clientage is not only extensive but of an important character and he has figured in connection with many prominent cases tried in the courts of his district.

On the 12th of September, 1891, Mr. Sloan was united in marriage to Miss Mary McKenzie, of Evanston, a daughter of James and Charlotte McKenzie, who were natives of Michigan. Mr. Sloan is a Mason and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is serving as United States commissioner for the second term and was county assessor for two terms. His has been an interesting career, connecting him with the west throughout the period of its pioneer development and later-day progress. His father, one of the early merchants of Utah, who became by necessity an excellent Indian fighter and scout, was among those who laid the foundation of present prosperity and progress in the west. Austin C. Sloan has carried on the work begun by his father and his aid and influence are always on the side of progress and improvement. He is today upholding the legal status of the community as a prominent member of the bar of Evanston and in office is also proving his loyalty to the best interests of state and nation.

REV. JOHN H. MULLIN.

Rev. John H. Mullin, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic church of Casper, was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania, on the 22d of October, 1888, a son of John H. and Margaret (Cosgrove) Mullin, who are also natives of Pittston. The father has engaged in the grocery business during the greater part of his life and he and his wife are still living in Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Rev. John H. Mullin was the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, eight of whom are living. He acquired his preliminary education in his native city and afterward continued his studies in Notre Dame University at South Bend, Indiana, which he entered in 1907, completing his course there by graduation with the class of 1911. He afterward went to Rome, Italy, where he pursued his seminary course, devoting four years to further study, after which he was ordained to the priesthood by the Patriarch of Constantinople on the 27th of February, 1915.

Returning to America, Father Mullin was assigned to the parish of Newcastle, Wyoming, which included the territory from Edgemont, South Dakota, to Sheridan, Wyoming. In December, 1915, he was transferred to Casper to take charge of his present parish. He soon realized that the young men of Casper of all denominations would be benefited if they had a club or meeting place where liquor, gambling and no forms of vice were prevalent, so he succeeded in building a modern clubroom, equipped with gymnasium, on Sussex street, back of the present church, and there established a non-sectarian club, donating the building to the boys and young men of Casper. He is also untiring in the work of his church and has already succeeded in having laid the foundation for a beautiful new church at Center and Sussex streets. The work of erecting the superstructure has been



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delayed on account of the scarcity of steel, but building operations will soon be resumed and in addition to the house of worship there will be erected a modern home for the pastor.

Father Mullin is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Columbus. He is a broad-minded and big-hearted man, democratic in spirit in all of his dealings and in his manner of life. During the few years in which he has been located at Casper he has endeared himself to the people of the community in an unusual manner and is esteemed and respected by all.

JOSEPH T. BOOTH.

Joseph T. Booth is the proprietor and publisher of the Wyoming Press of Evanston, a paper which would be a credit to a city of much larger size than that in which he is conducting business. He has made his paper a feature in the continuous growth of the city, as it has ever been an advocate of that spirit of enterprise which has led to the rapid and substantial upbuilding of Evanston and of Uinta county.

Mr. Booth is a western man by birth, by training and by preference and in his life exemplifies the spirit of progress which has ever dominated this section of the country. He was born at Coalville, Utah, May 18, 1880, a son of John Booth, a native of England, who came to America in 1847 and established his home on the Pacific coast, first locating at Stockton, California. He crossed the plains about 1855, making the overland trip, and he was among the well known Indian fighters of that period. He was born April 1, 1830, in Lancashire, England, and he had passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey when he died. In his early manhood he followed gold mining in Utah and also devoted his attention in considerable measure to coal mining. He developed various properties at Coalville and was known as a prominent and successful operator. He married Ann Lythgoe, a native of Virginia and a representative of one of the old families of Virginia of English lineage, founded in America during the early part of the eighteenth century. Mrs. Booth passed away at Coalville, Utah, in 1902, when seventy years of age, her birth having occurred in 1832.

Joseph T. Booth was the youngest of seven children. He pursued his education in the public schools of Coalville and in the academy there. During that time, he had gained a fair knowledge of the printer's trade, having worked at odd times in local print shops. At the age of twenty he came to Evanston, where he arrived on the 12th of March, 1900. Here he entered the office of the old News Register, then conducted by J. U. Allard, by whom he was employed as a printer for two years. Mr. Booth then purchased the plant and changed the political policy of the paper, which had formerly been democratic. After publishing the paper under the old name for three years he sold the plant to George Ewer, who consolidated the paper with the Wyoming Press. Mr. Booth established the Wyoming Press and after disposing of the paper he removed to Salt Lake and was there connected with the Herald and Tribune for several years. In 1909, however, he returned to Evanston and again purchased the printing office with which he is now connected. He has since been continuously identified with the Wyoming Press and has been very successful in its publication. The paper now has a circulation of nine hundred, which is largely local. He has made it an attractive sheet, thoroughly modern in the equipment of the plant and in the methods of publication. The plant is supplied with excellent machinery for the publication of the paper and for the conduct of a job printing business and Mr. Booth holds to the highest standards in his work.

At Evanston on the 4th of September, 1906, Mr. Booth was united in marriage to Miss Edna L. Peterson, a native of Evanston and a daughter of Peter and Mary (Rasmussen) Peterson, both of whom were natives of Denmark and

became early settlers of Evanston. Mr. Peterson was for some years an engineer on the Union Pacific Railroad. Both Mr. and Mrs. Booth are members of the Presbyterian church and he is also affiliated with the Evanston lodge of Masons. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has always taken an active interest in everything relating to the public welfare and to civic improvement. He has made his party the champion of well defined plans and measures for the general good and has taken the initial step in advancing many interests which have been of great benefit to the locality. He has no other interests outside of his paper, devoting his entire time to the publication of the Press, and has been a close student of modern journalism, embodying the most progressive ideas in the publication of his paper. His editorials indicate wide reading and research along the lines discussed and the Press has become both the mold and the mirror of public opinion in Uinta county.

HON. JACOB BERNER.

If one could turn back time's hourglass until the last third of a century would be blotted out, he would find Hon. Jacob Berner, now a prominent lumber dealer of Laramie and a member of the state legislature, a pony express rider for the United States government or a cowboy on a Wyoming ranch. Such has been the distance which he has traveled in his business and political career, bringing him to a point of leadership in commercial and political circles.

He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, October 23, 1865, a son of Conrad and Mary (Hahn) Berner, who were also born in Wurtemberg, whence they came to the new world in 1880, making their way across the country until they took up their abode in Laramie, Wyoming, where the father lived retired. While a resident of his native land he was prominently known as a railroad contractor for the German government. He died in Laramie in 1892, at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife passed away in the same year, when sixty-eight years of age. They were the parents of six children, two of whom have departed this life, while those still living are: Conrad, who now makes his home in Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Margaret Koch, of Laramie; Mrs. Fredericka Gerber, living in Bellingham, Washington; and Jacob.

The last named was the youngest of the family. In early life he attended school in Germany, but when a youth of fifteen years accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world. Later he was a student in a business college in Denver, Colorado, from 1889 until 1890, but prior to this time he was employed in 1884 by Major Frank Wolcott, a well known cattle raiser living on Deer creek, Wyoming. He worked as a cowboy and later carried the mail for the United States government as a rider on the pony express. In early manhood he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Laramie until 1902, when he embarked in the lumber business in partnership with Clark Pelton under the firm style of Pelton & Berner. After two years he purchased his partner's interest in the business and has since conducted his interests independently, the name of Jacob Berner being today prominently associated with the lumber trade in Laramie, where he has built up a business of large and gratifying proportions.

On the 28th of March, 1893, Mr. Berner was united in marriage to Miss Martha Nagel, of Denver, Colorado, a daughter of Peter and Minnie Nagel, who became pioneer residents of Laramie. To Mr. and Mrs. Berner have been born eight children, but only two of the number are living: Ethel, who was born in Laramie in 1897 and is now a student in the high school; and Frederick, who was born in March, 1907.

In politics Mr. Berner is a democrat and has been called upon to fill various political positions of honor and trust. He has served as deputy sheriff of Albany county, being called to that position in 1897. He filled the office for two years. He was appointed county commissioner in 1899 for a two years' term and in



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1910 was elected to the state senate and again in 1914, serving for two terms of four years each. He thus became actively identified with the work of framing the laws of the state and left his impress indelibly upon the records of the general assembly during that period of eight years. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a past grand master of Wyoming and also past grand patriarch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1904 he represented the Wyoming Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., at the Sovereign Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, and in 1905 he acted in a similar capacity at Toronto, Canada. He is also a Master Mason and has belonged to the Laramie Maennerchor, a singing organization, for a number of years, or from its formation, being now the only living original member. He belongs to the German Evangelical church, in which he has been presiding deacon for eight years. He is interested in all those things which have to do with the welfare and progress of his adopted state. His ability is pronounced and the recognition of his power has brought him to a position of political and commercial leadership. Those who know him, and he has a very wide acquaintance, speak of him in terms of high regard and Laramie honors him as one of its representative citizens.

FRED ANDERSON.

Fred Anderson is a well known merchant of Rawlins, where he is engaged in dealing in men's clothing and haberdashery. He was born in Boden, Sweden, July 11, 1867, a son of Anders Gustave Blomquist, who was also a native of Sweden, where he successfully followed farming until 1881, when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, establishing his home in Howard county, Nebraska. There he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land and devoted his attention and energy to its cultivation and development until his death, which occurred when he was more than eighty-one years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Readstrom, was also born in Boden, Sweden, and there passed away in 1876, when forty-six years of age. By their marriage six children were born, all of whom are yet living and are residents of the new world.

Fred Anderson, the youngest of the family, acquired his education in Boden, where he attended the public schools. His early life was spent upon the home farm and he early became familiar with the duties and labors incident to the development of the fields and the care of the crops. At the age of eighteen he started out to provide for his own support. He had been living with his father up to this time and was employed by him upon the home farm for four years. After leaving the farm he secured a position with the Union Pacific Railroad Company at section work between Cheyenne and Denver. He followed railroading for a period of several years, first as a section hand, then as stop man, and later becoming a fireman. He remained altogether in the employ of the Union Pacific for twelve years. In March, 1895, he permanently took up his abode in Rawlins and through the intervening years has been connected with its business interests. In 1898 he established a wholesale beer and retail liquor house which he conducted successfully until 1915, being during that period in partnership with Peter Larsen, under the firm name of Anderson & Larsen. On the 23d of September, 1916, he established his present store, dealing in men's furnishings and haberdashery, and today he carries a large and well selected stock, handling various lines of clothing and a full line of shoes and such articles of merchandise as are usually found in a first class establishment of this character.

On the 1st of June, 1901, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage in Rawlins to Miss Lena Berglund, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Nels and Carrie (Oleson) Berglund, who were likewise natives of Sweden, where they still make their home, residing at Sunne. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have become the parents of four children: Fredolf, born in Rawlins, June 28, 1902; Edna; Alice and Frank.



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Mr. Anderson is a member of North Star Lodge of the Vasa Order at Rawlins and was exalted ruler of the local organization. He was a lad of fourteen years when he came to the new world with his father and from the age of eighteen he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. He has worked industriously and diligently to acquire success and his close application and persistency of purpose have been salient features in his growing prosperity.

PROFESSOR ALBERTUS Z. WINGER.

Professor Albertus Z. Winger, a well known educator of Wyoming, now superintendent of the schools of District No. 5 at Cokeville, in Lincoln county, was born in Crawford county, Kansas, March 9, 1877, and is a son of the late Martin B. Winger, who was a native of Pennsylvania and a representative of one of the old families of that state, descended from Scotch Irish ancestry, the family being founded in America prior to the Revolutionary war. Martin B. Winger was a successful farmer and stock raiser and was one of the pioneer settlers of Crawford county, Kansas, where he took up his abode in 1874. He there secured a tract of land and devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1895, when he had reached the age of forty-five years. He had married Maria Zimmerman, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1850 and is of German lineage. She is still surviving and occupies the old homestead farm in Kansas. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, all of whom are yet living.

Professor Winger of this review was the second in order of birth. He pursued his education in the district schools of Crawford county, Kansas, and in the Baker Academy at Baldwin, Kansas, while later he became a student in the State Teachers' College at Greeley, Colorado, where he was graduated in June, 1917, with the degree of Master of Pedagogy. He entered upon his work as an educator in connection with the district schools of Crawford county, Kansas, and later he spent two years as an instructor in the State School for the Blind at Colorado Springs. In September, 1917, he assumed charge of District No. 5, at Cokeville. He has made an excellent record as an educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired and inspiring teachers and pupils with much of his own zeal and interest in the work. He is constantly seeking out new methods that will promote his efficiency and add to the value of the school work done under his direction. He makes a study of the individual pupil and adapts his work to particular needs, realizing that the real purpose of education is to develop individual capacity.

In his political views Professor Winger is a republican and though not an office seeker keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and stands loyally for the support of all those well devised plans and measures which he recognizes as factors for the public good. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and its teachings have guided him in his life's relations, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor.

CHARLES F. MAURER.

Charles F. Maurer is closely associated with a profession which has direct bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any community, being senior partner of the law firm of Maurer & Walker of Douglas. At the outset of his career he recognized the fact that advancement at the bar must depend upon individual merit and ability and he has so directed his labors and continued his studies that step by step he has progressed in his chosen profession.

He was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, August 10, 1861, and is a son of Henry

F. and Henrietta (Miller) Maurer. The mother was descended from ancestry represented in the American army during the Revolutionary war and Mr. Maurer came of German lineage, but both are now deceased. Their family numbered three sons and four daughters.

Charles F. Maurer, who was the third in order of birth, after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools became a student in the Collegiate Institute of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and thus with broad literary learning to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional knowledge he entered the law department of the State University of Iowa City and there pursued his preparation for the bar, being graduated with the class of 1884. He engaged in practice in Cedar Rapids, but after a short time determined to try his fortune in the west and on the 1st of May, 1886, arrived in Wyoming, casting in his lot with the early settlers who were taking active part in the development and upbuilding of Douglas and the eastern section of the state. In 1887 he was in partnership with Daniel Pillott, now deceased, for several months in Douglas but during the greater part of the intervening period Mr. Maurer has practiced alone. At a recent date, however, he entered into partnership with Floyd A. Walker, forming the firm of Maurer & Walker. The success which he has attained is due to his own efforts and merits. The possession of advantages is no guarantee whatever of professional success. This comes not of itself, nor can it be secured without integrity, ability and industry. These qualities Mr. Maurer possesses to an eminent degree and he is faithful to every interest committed to his charge. Throughout his whole life whatsoever his hand finds to do, whether in his profession or in any other sphere, he does with his might and with a deep sense of conscientious obligation.

In 1887 Mr. Maurer was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Parsons, of Iowa City, Iowa, and they have a son, Richard C., who is a student in the State University at Iowa City. Mr. Maurer votes with the republican party and has for two terms filled the office of county and prosecuting attorney in Converse county. He has, however, declined to become a candidate for the bench or to become a nominee for other offices, regarding the pursuits of private life as in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the Mystic Shrine, and in the Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is an Odd Fellow and an Elk. He turns to motoring for recreation but his time and attention are largely concentrated upon his professional duties. He is a director of the First National Bank of Douglas and is also an investor in ranch and town properties. He is also attorney for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad and he has been identified in a professional way with many corporations and with much of the most important law work that has been carried on in this district.

EDWIN E. FITCH.

An excellent business record is that of Edwin E. Fitch, a prominent real estate man of Laramie in which city he was born May 7, 1875, a son of Robert E. and Lyda (Eaton) Fitch, who are mentioned at length on another page of this work.

At the usual age Edwin E. Fitch became a pupil in the public schools of Laramie and afterward entered the University of Wyoming, from which he won his Bachelor of Science degree as a graduate of the class of 1897. He then entered business life as an assayer in Colorado, where he remained for two years, and in September, 1915, he embarked in business in Laramie as a real estate dealer. Prior to this time he had charge of the office of The W. H. Holliday Company for a number of years, being in control of the audits and credits of the company. In 1915 he embarked in the real estate business and has developed a clientage of large proportions. He also handles insurance and allied lines, makes farm loans and handles mining and oil stocks. He is the president of the Albany County Pioneer

Abstract Company, which is the only bonded abstract company in the county. Thoroughness has ever been one of his marked characteristics and when he entered the real estate field he brought this trait to bear in his preparation for handling property interests. He closely studied the real estate situation, gained a knowledge of valuation and learned what property was upon the market. Since that time he has negotiated many important realty transfers and has built up a business of extensive proportions, having among his clients many of the most prominent men of the city.

In March, 1897, Mr. Fitch was united in marriage to Miss Lois Holliday, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holliday, honored pioneer residents of Laramie. They have become parents of three children: Clyde E., who was born in May, 1898, in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and is a graduate of the high school of Laramie; Edwin H., who was born in Laramie in 1900 and is attending the Laramie high school; and Lois R., who was born in 1903 and is a high school pupil.

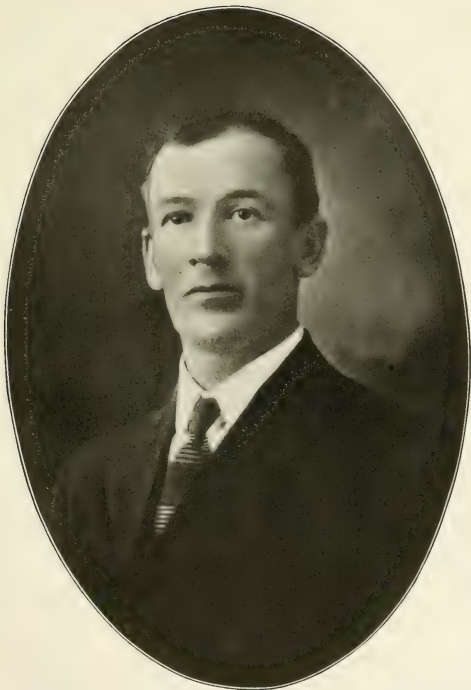
Mr. Fitch votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is able to support his position by intelligent argument, he has never been an aspirant for office nor sought political position as a reward for party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and he has many friends in Laramie, where he has always resided. In business he has made substantial progress through individual effort, close application, keen sagacity and unfaltering enterprise. His worth in this connection is widely acknowledged and his support of all progressive measures having to do with civic welfare makes him a valued citizen of Laramie, where his entire life has been passed.

EMIL LILGEROSE.

Emil Lilgerose is vice president and manager of the Lincoln Lumber Company at Kemmerer, in which connection an extensive business has been built up, the efforts of Mr. Lilgerose contributing in large and substantial measure to this result. A native of Sweden, he was born at Linköping on the 21st of January, 1880, a son of Anders Gustave and Caroline (Anderson) Lilgerose, who were likewise natives of Sweden. The father was a carpenter and builder by trade and followed that pursuit with a substantial measure of success. He spent his entire life in Sweden, where he passed away in August, 1905, at the age of fifty-five years, while his wife is still living there. They had a family of four children: Emil, of this review; Anna; Dave; and Ed, who is a resident of Kemmerer.

Emil Lilgerose was fourteen years of age when he put aside his textbooks having hitherto attended the public schools, to become an apprentice at the carpenter's and builder's trade. He served for a term of five years and between the ages of nineteen and twenty-eight years followed his trade as a journeyman. He also pursued a special course of study in a night school in his native country, devoting his attention to drawing and architecture in the State College, which was an endowed school that had been established in order to provide means of education for those who had ability but had no funds with which to meet their tuition. The benefactor of this college later became prominent in military circles and was a captain and major in the Swedish army.

After devoting many years to business in his native country, Emil Lilgerose crossed the Atlantic to the new world and arrived in Rock Springs, Wyoming, on the 8th of June, 1908. He was there employed by Victor Smith, a leading builder, in whose service he remained until the following year, when he removed to Kemmerer.



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In 1911 he established the present business as a partnership affair, the partners in the undertaking being Victor Smith, Oscar Gustafson, G. S. E. Johnson, Axel Johnson, Jack Larson, T. A. James and Emil Lilgerose. In 1912 the business was incorporated under the style of the Lincoln Lumber Company, with Victor Smith as the president and Mr. Lilgerose as vice president and manager, while A. Klingman became secretary and treasurer. This company deals in lumber and manufactures all kinds of mill material. They have the first and only plant of the kind in Lincoln county and they employ on an average of from six to twenty people. The plant covers an area of three-fourths of an acre and is modern in every detail and equipment. The business covers not only Kemmerer but also extends to neighboring towns and their patronage is large and gratifying.

On the 13th of November, 1916, Mr. Lilgerose was married in Kemmerer to Miss Harriett Dense, a native of Illinois. His political endorsement is given to no party, for he prefers to follow an independent course. He was made a citizen of the United States on the 16th of September, 1913. Fraternally he is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Mr. Lilgerose came to America with limited means, but he believed that he might have good business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic and he has been more than satisfied with the results. He believes that Wyoming has a great future before it and is putting forth every effort in his power to advance its interests as well as to promote his individual success.

HON. GEORGE YOUNG.

Hon. George Young, of Rock Springs, member of the Wyoming state senate and vice president of District 22 of the United Mine Workers, is thus prominently associated with interests which have much to do with shaping the industrial and political history of the commonwealth.

He is one of Wyoming's native sons, his birth having occurred at Rock Springs on the 7th of October, 1884, his parents being George L. and Euphemia (Chambers) Young. The father, who devoted his life to coal mining, passed away in the year 1915, while the mother survived for about two years, departing this life in 1917. Mr. Young had come to the state in 1869, at which time he took up his abode in Rock Springs. The mother was also a pioneer of the west, becoming a resident of Salt Lake in 1866 and in 1870, of Rock Springs. They were married in Bryan, near Granger, and they became the parents of six daughters and two sons, of whom George was the seventh in order of birth. Three of the daughters have passed away.

George Young pursued a public school education until he had completed the work of the eighth grade at Rock Springs, after which he began working in the mines near his native city. He was thus engaged until 1914, when he became traveling auditor for organized labor and in December, 1915, he was elected vice president of District No. 22 of the United Mine Workers, his office to expire on the 1st of April, 1918, when he was reelected for another two-year term. He is now acting in that capacity and is doing excellent work as the second executive officer of the district, which has a membership of eight thousand in various local organizations.

Mr. Young is well known in Masonic circles, having become a Consistory Mason and also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he has been one of the most active and earnest workers in its ranks in Wyoming. In 1913 he was elected to represent his district in the house of representatives and in 1915 was reelected. On the 9th of January, 1917, he became a member of the senate for a four years' term, and he is connected with much important constructive legislation. He is now holding

over from Sweetwater county. He introduced the amendment to the working men's compensation law and put forth his best efforts to secure the passage of an eight hour law for women. He also assisted in putting through the bill for a labor commission. He is the only member in the legislature to carry a union card and he was made a member of the committee on labor, where his practical knowledge of the conditions among workmen proves a valuable element in bringing about a clear understanding of what is wanted and why the request is put forth.

Mr. Young continues to make his home in Rock Springs, but the office of the United Mine Workers is in the Journal building in Cheyenne and therefore he spends much of his time in the capital city by reason of his connection with the district organization and as a member of the state senate.

TOM C. BARRATT.

Albany county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public positions, for on the whole they have been loyal to her interests and progressive in the discharge of their duties, thus contributing to the growth and development of the county and to its stability. Such a one is Tom C. Barratt, who is now filling the position of county assessor.

He was born in Burton-upon-Trent, England, August 3, 1875, a son of Reginald Blake and Mary (Hobday) Barratt, who have spent their entire lives in England and are still residents of Burton-upon-Trent, where for many generations the family has been represented. The father is well known in connection with the colliery business in that country. To him and his wife were born six children: Reginald H., who is now living in Joplin, Missouri; Alfred E., still in England; Mrs. Mary Stanley, Mrs. Jessie Hadfield and Mrs. Elsie Nadin, all of England; and Tom C., who was the second in order of birth.

In early life Tom C. Barratt began his education in the schools of England and after attending the grammar schools continued his studies in St. Oswald's College at Ellesmere, England, where he was graduated with the class of 1890. He then turned his attention to farming, which he followed in connection with his father for a time, but in 1896 he determined to try his fortune in other lands and left England for South Africa. There he was employed at the government experiment station at Kimberley for nine months and then engaged in mining near Johannesburg, residing in that country for a number of years. In 1902 he arrived in Joplin, Missouri, where he resumed the occupation of mining, with which he was connected until June, 1906. At that date he arrived in Laramie and pursued a special course in mineralogy in the State University of Wyoming. He was afterward connected with the placer mines at Douglas Creek and eventually he became warehouse man at the rolling mills, being thus employed until the plant was destroyed by fire on the 8th of November, 1910. He also worked at the roundhouse until called to public office, being appointed to the position of deputy county clerk in January, 1911. He served in that capacity until January, 1917, when he assumed the duties of the office of assessor, to which he had been elected the previous fall. He is now serving in that capacity and is making an excellent record by the prompt and faithful manner in which he is discharging his duties. He regards a public office as a public trust and is most loyal to the interests committed to his care.

On the 2d of October, 1907, Mr. Barratt was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Johnson, of Laramie, a daughter of William and Annie Johnson, who were pioneer settlers of this section of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Barratt have become parents of two children: Tom W. H., who was born in Laramie, December 8, 1908, and is now in school; and Donald H., who was born April 9, 1910, and is also attending school.

The parents are prominent socially and they are consistent members of the

Episcopal church. Mr. Barratt belongs to the Masonic fraternity and also to the Woodmen of the World. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and for four years he served as a member of the central committee, taking an active part in promoting democratic interests and successes. He is one of the leading young men of this section, standing high as a public official, and is one of the valued and representative citizens of Laramie, where he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

ELMER E. PETERS.

The business interests of Green River find a worthy representative in Elmer E. Peters, who is engaged in the garage and blacksmith business and who has also figured quite prominently in connection with public affairs, serving in several public offices. He has been a resident of Green River since 1887, or for a period of more than three decades, and is therefore familiar with the history of its development and upbuilding and in fact has taken an active part in advancing its general welfare.

Ohio numbers him among her native sons. He was born in Hancock county, April 4, 1861, his parents being Jacob and Jane (Taylor) Peters, the father a native of Virginia and the mother a native of Ireland. The father engaged in general merchandising in Hancock county, Virginia, and afterward in Arcadia, Ohio. Called to public office, he filled the position of postmaster for four terms, his long continuance in the office being an indication of his marked fidelity and trustworthiness. He died in 1872, having for five years survived his wife, who passed away in 1867. They were the parents of four children who are still living, namely, William T., who resides in California; Mrs. J. H. Campbell, living in Toledo, Ohio; Elmer E., of this review; and Mrs. Prudy Van Horn, whose home is in Hancock county, Ohio.

In his boyhood days Elmer E. Peters was a pupil in the public schools of the Buckeye state, but when only eleven years of age was thrown upon his own resources owing to the death of his parents, which left him an orphan. In 1884 he arrived in Omaha, Nebraska, and was employed for three years in the Union Pacific car shops in that city. On the 31st of December, 1887, he reached Green River, Wyoming, and worked for the Union Pacific as a carpenter in the shops at that place, there remaining until 1890. On the expiration of that period he established a restaurant with Fred Rose as a partner and they successfully carried on the business for six years. Mr. Peters then sold out and turned his attention to the lumber and contracting business. In the intervening period he erected many of the attractive homes and business houses in Green River. The Peters lumberyard was the pioneer lumber establishment of Green River and from the beginning Mr. Peters enjoyed a substantial and growing trade. Three years after opening the lumberyard he also began dealing in feed and hay and in this branch of his business also won substantial profits. In 1913 he further extended the scope of his activities by the establishment of the first garage in Green River. At the same time he started a blacksmith shop and in these lines has won substantial success. He is a man of indefatigable energy and persistency of purpose and works untiringly for the accomplishment of the ends to which his efforts are directed.

On the 16th of October, 1894, at Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Peters was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Hutton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Purdy Hutton, who were natives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have become parents of three children. Ernest R., who was born at Green River, September 5, 1895, is a graduate of the high school at Oakland, California, and is now in business at Green River. Edith June, born in Green River, June 23, 1897, was graduated from the schools of Oakland, California, and is now a third year student in the

University of Wyoming at Laramie and is editor of the college annual. Kenneth Elmer, born at Green River, August 4, 1908, is attending school.

Mr. Peters votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. For eighteen years he was a member of the city council of Green River, continuing in that position until 1913, his long incumbency in the office proving his marked capability, his fidelity to the interests entrusted to his care and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He was also county commissioner for eight years, or until 1911, and for one term he served on the Green River school board. He has attained high rank in Masonry and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Peters is indeed a self-made man and as the architect of his fortunes has builded wisely and well. Left an orphan in his early boyhood days he began working for farmers for his board and for such cast-off clothing as the farmers chose to give him. He did this for a time but soon began to realize that there was something more important in life and took a forward step by learning the carpenter's trade. He now has a large and most profitable business in Green River, conducting a garage and blacksmith shop and is indeed one of the representative men of the county, controlling important interests and utilizing his opportunities in such a way that substantial results have accrued. Moreover, he has made a most creditable record in official circles and perhaps the record of no man in public office in Green River has extended over a longer period, while none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation.

ANDREW H. CORDINER.

Andrew H. Cordiner is at the head of one of the well managed and successful commercial enterprises of Laramie, where since 1898 he has engaged in the drug business, conducting his interests at the present time under the style of the A. H. Cordiner Drug Company.

He was born in Laramie, October 22, 1875, and is a son of the late William Cordiner, a native of Scotland, who came to America in 1866 and the same year took up his abode in Laramie after living for some months in Boston and for one year in Aurora, Illinois. He was a plumber by trade and was the first to engage in that business in Laramie, where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred on the 24th of March, 1915, when he was seventy-five years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Michie, is also a native of the land of hills and heather and with her husband and three children came to America. She still survives and makes her home in Laramie. Her family altogether numbered ten children, five of whom are yet living, namely: James, who was born in Scotland and is a plumber by trade, following that business in Laramie; John R., who was born in Laramie and is assistant postmaster; Andrew H., of this review; D. C. Cordiner, who is a captain of the coast artillery and in France and was graduated from the Annapolis Naval Academy in 1908; and Lucy, who is a teacher in the University of Minnesota.

Andrew H. Cordiner was educated in the public and high schools of Laramie and in the University of Wyoming and following his graduation he became connected with the drug firm known as the Eggleston & Desmond Drug Company. With that firm he learned the business and passed the state examination in 1901. He continued with the Eggleston & Desmond Drug Company for four years and then purchased an interest in the business. The following year he became half owner of the business in connection with Mr. Eggleston and upon the latter's death in 1910 purchased the entire business, which has been incorporated under the style of the A. H. Cordiner Drug Company. This is the leading drug store of the kind in Laramie and in addition to the main house he conducts a branch store under the style of the Laramie Drug Company, of which he is the

secretary and treasurer, with Mrs. A. H. Cordiner as the president. He has indeed made for himself a most creditable position in commercial circles, working his way steadily upward until he now stands in a position of leadership in connection with the drug trade of the state, having a splendidly appointed establishment in which he carries an extensive line of drugs and druggists' sundries. His stores are most attractive in appearance because of the neat and tasteful arrangement and by reason of the equipment of the stores, and his business methods commend him to the patronage of the public.

On the 6th of September, 1900, at Salt Lake City, Utah, Mr. Cordiner was married to Miss Marion J. Brownlee, a native of Gault, Canada, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brownlee, who were representatives of an old Scotch family and have now passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Cordiner have become parents of four children: Hamilton, who was born in Laramie, November 4, 1901; Frank B., who was born January 5, 1903; William Cranston, born March 14, 1904; and Marion Grace, born September 20, 1910.

Mr. Cordiner exercises his right of franchise in support of the measures of the republican party. He has served as a member of the school board of Laramie for nine years and was director for one year. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion, for he does everything in his power to advance the interests of the schools and raise the standards of public instruction, recognizing that the public school system is one of the bulwarks of the nation. Fraternally he is well known, holding membership with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World. He formerly served as state president of the Elks and is a past district deputy. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Matthews Episcopal church, in which he is serving as senior warden. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and cooperates in all well defined plans and purposes for the upbuilding of the city. In a word, he allies his interests with the material, intellectual, social and moral progress of the community and his aid along these lines has been far-reaching and resultant. Moreover, there is an inspirational element in his life record, for it shows what can be accomplished through individual effort and laudable ambition guided by sound judgment.

PERCY SCOTT HOYT.

Percy Scott Hoyt, the only one of his family in the state, is now living retired in Cheyenne, but for many years was actively and extensively connected with the cattle interests of Wyoming. He was born in New York city in 1860, a son of Gould and Camilla (Scott) Hoyt, the latter a daughter of Winfield Scott, the famous American general. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt passed away in the early '80s in New York city.

Percy Scott Hoyt acquired his education in New York city in private schools and also spent three years in educational institutions in Germany. He came to Wyoming in 1880 and here identified himself with the cattle industry, first riding the range as a cowboy and later engaging independently in the cattle business, having a number of herds upon the ranges of this state. He had ranches in the northern part of Wyoming and also owned ranch lands seven miles west of Cheyenne. At length he disposed of his cattle and ranch interests, coming in 1892 to Cheyenne, where he has since resided. He has always been fond of horses and horseback riding and turns to this pastime for recreation. His home is a unique one, the house and the stables being intercommunicable. It was originally built by George D. Rainsford, a well known citizen of Wyoming. It is comfortably and interestingly furnished and from its walls many pictures and souvenirs greet one, recalling days of the older Wyoming and reminding the owner of past years which he spent on the range.

Mr. Hoyt has been closely identified with Cheyenne and the development of



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the city. He was a member of the old volunteer fire department for years and it was he who organized the paid fire department of Cheyenne in 1909 and he served as the chief for a time. He was a member of the old Cheyenne Club in 1881 and at this writing belongs to the Industrial Club. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and has taken the degrees in both the York and Scottish Rites of Masonry. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but he has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and attention upon business affairs or individual interests, in the development of which the public has been many times a direct or indirect beneficiary.

OUR CASPER.

Lady of the High Hills, I salute thee!

I make obeisance to thy beauty, thy loveliness, thy youthful progressiveness.

Nestled in the bend of the sweeping river, with thy head pillowed on the breast of the mountain, as an infant is cuddled in its mother's arms, none are like thee, nor ever will be.

Thy glory has been borne on the wings of the wind to the four corners of the earth.

Thy wealth of minerals and oil is become the envy of all others.

Legion upon legion of true lovers, bringing gifts of gold and silver and precious stones, are coming to woo and wed thee, oh, fair lady of the high hills.

Spurn them not, whether of low or high degree.

Be gracious; be kindly; hold forth thy hands in welcome; enfold them in your arms with tenderness that they may see and know thee in all thy goodness and charm, and thy wealth and glory will become ever greater and greater in the land.

Lady of the High Hills, I salute thee!

It was in such words that E. Richard Shipp, widely known as the Wyoming poet, apostrophized Casper. Born in Petersburg, Illinois, May 1, 1864, he is a son of Columbus and F. Jennie (Goff) Shipp. In the public schools of his native city he acquired his early education and afterward became a student in Illinois College at Jacksonville. Later he matriculated in the Georgetown University, where he pursued a course in law and was graduated from the Washington institution with the class of 1895. Before pursuing his law course, however, and after leaving the public schools he learned the printer's trade and became a member of the Typographical Union. In this organization he has carried a member's card for the past thirty-five years, still continues as an active member and is one of the charter members of the Casper Union. He worked at the printer's trade in various cities throughout the United States, being employed on a number of the large daily papers. Following his graduation from Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., he located for practice in the capital, there remaining from 1895 until 1905, and in 1896 he was made a member of the faculty of the law school of Georgetown University and so continued until 1903. During that period he also published a number of books on legal subjects, of which he was the author. Since 1905 he has been identified with the Casper bar and has engaged in the general practice of law here. He has served as county and prosecuting attorney of Natrona county, filling the office from 1907 until 1909, and in 1912 he was the candidate of the progressive party for member of the state supreme court of Wyoming and received the largest vote cast for any candidate on the ticket.

Fraternally Mr. Shipp is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Loyal Order of Moose. It was through his instrumentality that the permanent education fund of the State Federation of Labor and the United Mine Workers of District 22 was created. Of this fund he is the secre-



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tary. Its object is the maintenance of a permanent loan fund to assist the daughters of workingmen and women to secure a higher education by advancing them without interest a sufficient amount to meet their expenses through the school course, this money to be returned at such time as the beneficiary is able to do so. The fund is thus continued as a constantly rotating fund for higher education. At the close of the year 1917 Mr. Shipp sent greetings to his friends in the following words:

THEE AND ME.

NINETEEN Seventeen, Good Bye.

Only yesterday thee and me were at the christening of Nineteen Seventeen.
Now the tolling bells are calling thee and me to stand beside his war-torn, pain-racked and aged form as he goes away.

Father Time, swinging his scythe with ceaseless, untiring energy, draws nearer and nearer to thee and me.

Yesterday thee and me were christened and those who were at the christening have gone.

Tomorrow the tolling bells will call others to stand beside thee and me as we go.
For the time gone thee and me have much to regret.

To the time yet to come thee and me can look with joyful anticipation, firm in the belief that health, and happiness, and honor, and wealth will be thine and mine if God wills it so.

Hold the door of thy heart, as the door of thy house, ever open to a friend, and increasing years will bring enduring happiness.

Nineteen Eighteen, Good Morning.

THOMAS W. SPRATT.

Thomas W. Spratt, a well known stock man of Bighorn county, was born in the British Isles, December 25, 1859, a son of Teddy and Ann (Kerron) Spratt, who were also natives of the British Isles, where they spent their entire lives. They had a family of eight children, of whom five are yet living.

Thomas W. Spratt came to America when a little lad of but ten years and lived with an uncle in the state of New York until 1879, when at the age of twenty years he left the east to become a resident of Wyoming. Here he engaged in the live stock business, in which he continued until he retired from active management, although he is still interested with his son in investments in live stock and is yet the owner of a fine ranch. In addition he and his son own another ranch, known as the Bay State ranch in Washakie county. His business affairs have always been wisely and carefully directed. He has worked hard and has never been afraid of earnest toil. He has utilized every advantage that has come to him and his persistency of purpose and indefatigable energy have been basic elements of his growing success. He was one of the organizers of the Big Horn County Bank at Basin and served as one of its directors for some time. He also became president of the Basin State Bank, in which position he continued for a number of years. He is interested in oil lands and his judicious investments have been carefully and wisely made, bringing to him excellent returns.

On the 22d of February, 1888, Mr. Spratt was united in marriage to Miss Martha C. Allen, they being the first couple married in Big Horn Basin. Mrs. Spratt was born in Colorado, a daughter of James D. and Ann (Scoville) Allen, both of whom were natives of Wisconsin, whence they removed westward to Colorado in the latter part of the '60s and were married in that state in 1869. In 1887 they became residents of Wyoming, settling in Bighorn county, where the father passed away in 1910. The mother, however, is living and yet makes her home in Bighorn county. They had a family of ten children, all of

whom survive. To Mr. and Mrs. Spratt has been born a son, Robert W. He married Zada Norton, a native of Nebraska, who came to this state with her parents when yet a young girl. She has been well educated and was an employe of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company at the time of her marriage. They have three children: Thomas N., Robert J. and James T.

In his political views Mr. Spratt is a democrat and is serving as chairman of the board of county commissioners for a second term. He has also been a member of the city council of Basin for three terms, and has served as school director. His official duties have been promptly, systematically and faithfully discharged and have constituted elements in the development and growth of the region in which he lives.

Mr. Spratt is numbered among the honored pioneers of Wyoming, having come to the state when it was still under territorial rule, and throughout the intervening period he has made his home in but two counties. His first house was a log cabin covered with split poles and dirt, while the ground served as a floor. On the outside of the door hung the latchstring, indicating true western hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Spratt are members of the Big Horn Basin Association and are numbered among the most valued and worthy pioneers of their section of the state. There is no phase of Wyoming's development and progress that Mr. Spratt is not familiar with. His memory goes back to the time when all this region was a great unsettled and undeveloped district—an open range over which herds of live stock roamed at will, the owners having to claim their stock by use of the brand. His stories of the early days are most interesting and he has been a contributing factor to the work of general progress and improvement that has been carried on as the years have passed by, until Wyoming today is a great industrial and commercial as well as stock raising state and the picturesque era of the cowboy has largely passed.

J. H. CLAUSE.

J. H. Clause, who has been actively identified with business and public interests in Rawlins for more than a third of a century, is now well known as a merchant and capitalist of this city. He was born in Springfield, Illinois, September 22, 1860, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (McClure) Clause, who were natives of Germany and of Ireland, respectively. They came to America in childhood and settled in Illinois, where the father afterward engaged in farming. He threshed the last crop of wheat upon the site of the present city of Springfield. He afterward bought a farm in Illinois and continued a resident of that state for many years. He died in 1888. Mrs. Clause was called to her final rest May 12, 1882. They were parents of four children.

J. H. Clause, the only living member of the family, attended the country schools, being a student in the Beaver Dam schoolhouse near Springfield, Illinois. He took up the occupation of farming upon the old homestead in that state and continued to work for his father until he attained his majority. The opportunities of the west, however, attracted him and, making his way to Wyoming, he settled in Rawlins, where he arrived on the 22d of March, 1882. Here he turned his attention to the liquor business, first as an employe, while later he bought the place and eventually became owner of the property in which he conducted his business. As the years have passed he has extended his activities into various fields and is now vice president of the Rawlins National Bank and vice president of the Osborn Live Stock Company. He is also the vice president of the Rawlins Mercantile Company and these interests have profited by his sound judgment and active cooperation. In business affairs he readily discriminates between the essential and the nonessential and, discarding the latter, utilizes the former to the best possible advantage. In addition to all of his other interests he is presi-



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dent of the Inter-State Gold Beach and Bar Mining Company of Idaho and Colorado, which controls one of the largest gold mining properties of the west.

On February 3, 1891, Mr. Clause was married to Miss Ella O'Melia, of Rawlins, born in County Kildare, Ireland, in 1872, and who passed away February 11, 1900, her death occurring in Los Angeles, California. She was a daughter of Robert and Julia O'Melia and by her marriage she became the mother of five children. William P., born in Rawlins in 1891, is now with the Rawlins National Bank and is a graduate of the Gem City Business College of Quincy, Illinois. Esther E., the second member of the family, was born in 1893, and was a member of the Rawlins high school of the class of '14. Veronica E. and Vincentia E., twins, born October 21, 1894, are also high school graduates, class '15. James Robert, who was born in Rawlins in 1899 is a member of the high school class of 1918.

In religious faith Mr. Clause is a Catholic and in political belief a democrat. He has held the office of city treasurer for two terms and for six years was a member of the city council, while for five years he has served as mayor of Rawlins. In these connections he has rendered efficient service as a public officer, looking ever to the welfare and upbuilding of the city and district in which he resides. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, is serving on its board of trustees and was a member of the building committee which erected the present Elks' building, the finest in the state. He is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is now the president of the state board of sheep commissioners, having been appointed for two years and now serving for his second term through appointment of Governor Kendrick. Mr. Clause may truly be called a self-made man in that he owes his success and prosperity entirely to his own labors. As the architect of his fortunes he has builded wisely and well. He is largely self-educated, the advantages of his youth having been limited, but by a ready recognition of opportunities he has worked his way upward, wisely and carefully directing his business affairs so as to produce the most desired results. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have also called upon him for public service and he is justly accounted one of the representative and prominent residents of Rawlins.

REV. AUGUST F. SCHEPP.

Rev. August F. Schepp, pastor of the Holy Communion Episcopal church at Rock Springs, in which connection his labors are fruitful of excellent results, was ordained in October, 1902, and since that time has devoted his undivided attention to the holy calling which he has chosen as a life work.

He was born in Munich, Bavaria, March 3, 1867, a son of Adam Schepp, who was also a native of Bavaria and passed away in Munich, January 4, 1913, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a teacher and followed his profession throughout his entire life through appointment of the government, being recognized as a prominent factor in educational circles in that country. He married Katharine von Maduska, a descendant of the Polish count von Maduska, whose grandson, the present Graf von Maduska, is a member of the Reichstag at this time. An own cousin of Mrs. Schepp is the late Rt. Rev. Baron von Senestrey, bishop of Ratisbon, Bavaria, a Roman Catholic bishop. The Rev. Schepp of this review has an uncle, Franz Schepp, who was in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 and who received the cross of a first class knight for conspicuous military service. He is now a retired colonel in Munich. He has a son, Fern Schepp, a prominent physician, who has a private hospital in Munich and is also well known in military circles and is at present serving his country in the Red Cross Society. The mother of Rev. Schepp passed away September 7, 1903, at the age of fifty-nine years. Her family numbered two sons and two daughters, all of whom are living and are still residents of Munich save the subject of this review.

Rev. Schepp, the third in order of birth, was educated in the Ludwig Gymnasium and in the University of Munich, from which he was graduated in 1889 with the Ph. D. degree. Following his graduation he served in the Second Infantry, a Munich regiment, for a year as an *Einjähriger*. In 1890, while on a leave of absence from military service, he made his escape from the country, being opposed to militarism, and crossed the Atlantic to Canada, settling in Toronto, where he continued for seven years. He there engaged in teaching, but having determined to enter the ministry, he won a scholarship in Greek from the Virginia Seminary near Washington, D. C., for meritorious work and, on the completion of his term of study there, within two years, he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1903. While attending the seminary he acted as private tutor to the two daughters of Angus Crawford and a daughter of the late Dr. Paul Micou. In June, 1902, he was ordained as a deacon at the seminary and in October of the same year was ordained to the priesthood and assigned to St. Mary's Episcopal church at Thoma, Wisconsin, where he remained for six months. He then became pastor of the Church of The Epiphany at Detroit, Michigan, and later went to St. Charles, Missouri, where for three years he was pastor of the Trinity Episcopal church. His next westward move brought him to Wyoming, where he arrived on the 17th of March, 1909. He took charge of the Episcopal church at Lander and for the past six years has been connected with the Holy Communion church at Rock Springs. At the time that he took charge it was but a mission which had been established by General Coolidge, a retired brigadier general. At the time that he established the mission General Coolidge adopted Sherman Coolidge, a full-blooded Arapahoe Indian, who is now president of the American Association of Indians and a resident of Sheridan, Wyoming, and an honorary canon of the cathedral at Laramie. During his pastorate Rev. Schepp has greatly developed the church at Rock Springs and it is now one of the strong forces for moral progress in the community.

On the 7th of July, 1896, in Toronto, Canada, Rev. Schepp was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hare, a native of St. Catharines, Ontario, and a daughter of C. B. and Catherine Hare. Mrs. Schepp is a graduate of Toronto University, having received the Master of Arts degree from that institution in 1897. Rev. and Mrs. Schepp have become the parents of two children, namely: Franz, who was born in Toronto, Canada, July 23, 1899; and Aimée Marie, who was born in Alexandria, Virginia, January 12, 1901. Both are graduates from the Rock Springs high school with the class of 1918.

Rev. Schepp has attained high rank in Masonry, having taken the degrees of York and Scottish Rites, being a Consistory Mason of the Cheyenne Consistory. His attention, however, is chiefly concentrated upon his church work and during his pastorate in Rock Springs the membership has increased to one hundred and sixty-five communicants. The church is now in excellent condition, its work being well organized in the various departments, and its influence is proving a most potent force for good in the community.

ROBERT H. TURNER.

The upbuilding of a city does not depend upon the efforts of a single individual but upon the combined labors of many men of enterprise who control various interests which are necessary to life under the existing conditions of modern civilization. Well known as one of the progressive merchants of Laramie is Robert H. Turner, proprietor of Turner's Variety Store.

He was born in Red Oak, Iowa, July 6, 1881, a son of Hercules and Elizabeth R. (Crosthwaite) Turner. The father was a native of Ohio and a representative of one of the old families of that state of English lineage. He became a substantial agriculturist but at the time of the Civil war put aside all

business and personal considerations and, responding to the country's call for troops, enlisted at Indianola, Iowa, in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry. He joined his regiment as a private but afterward became sergeant and served throughout the full term of his enlistment. Later he took up his abode in Red Oak, where he is now living retired. His wife was born in Missouri and belonged to one of the pioneer families of that state. She died April 10, 1916, when sixty-five years of age. In their family were four children: Pearl P., who is now an engineer residing at Red Oak, Iowa; Clarence C., who is a farmer and makes his home at Red Oak; John W., a farmer of Indianola, Nebraska; and Robert H., of this review.

The last named began his education in the public schools of Red Oak, Iowa, at the usual age and passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school. His early life to the age of twelve years was spent upon the farm. On attaining his majority he became field representative for the Highland Park College of Des Moines, Iowa, and occupied that position for five years. He then entered the retail shoe business in connection with Axel Peterson under the firm style of the Bolt Shoe Company at Red Oak and continued in that business successfully for five years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and came to the west, settling in Laramie, Wyoming, where he arrived on the 25th of February, 1915. In March of the same year he entered his present line of business, establishing the Variety Store, which he has since owned and conducted. He has built up a good trade in this connection and has won success from the start. His efforts have been highly satisfactory, for his business methods are thoroughly progressive and reliable.

On the 14th of June, 1911, Mr. Turner was married in Roswell, New Mexico, to Miss Dorothy I. McNally, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. McNally. They have become parents of one son, Robert S., who was born in Red Oak, Iowa, June 25, 1912.

Mr. Turner gives his political endorsement to the republican party, believing firmly in its principles, but he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce and cooperates in all of its well defined plans and projects for the improvement and up-building of his city and the extension of its business connections. That he is not unmindful of his duties toward the moral development of the community is indicated in the fact that he is a member of the First Methodist church, in which he is serving as one of the stewards. He started out in life on his own account without financial aid, early recognizing the eternal principle that industry wins and industry, therefore, became the beacon light of his life.

FRANK HOLMES.

Frank Holmes, proprietor of the Crystal Bottling Works at Rock Springs, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, June 9, 1883, a son of John and Josephine (Freeman) Holmes, both of whom were natives of Sweden. Coming to the new world in 1879, they settled in Central City, Nebraska, and the father was employed on the construction of the Burlington & Northern Railroad. He afterward removed to Omaha, where he entered the service of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and after several years he came to Rock Springs, Wyoming, in the fall of 1886. Here he continued in the employ of the Union Pacific in connection with the construction department until 1914, when he retired from active business life and is now enjoying a well earned rest, making his home with his son Frank. He was born July 10, 1850, and has therefore passed the sixty-seventh milestone on life's journey. His wife, who was born in 1851, passed away in Rock Springs, December 26, 1916. They were the parents of a family of five children: Ernest, who lives in Kemmerer; Frank; Alfred, whose home is in Rock Springs; and Matilda and Amanda, who are also in Rock Springs.

Frank Holmes was but three years of age when his parents removed with



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their family to Rock Springs, so that when he attained school age he became a pupil in the public schools of this city, passing through consecutive grades until he had completed the work of the seventh grade. He then took up mining, which he followed until 1913, becoming familiar with many phases of mine operation. Gradually he worked his way upward and as his wages increased he was able to save from his earnings a sufficient sum which constituted the capital with which, in 1913, he established the Crystal Bottling Works, one of the representative enterprises in this line in Wyoming. He has a modern factory, supplied with the latest improved machinery and equipment necessary for manufacture in his line and his output, by reason of its excellence and owing to his reasonable prices, finds a ready sale on the market.

Mr. Holmes is an independent republican, usually voting with the party but not seeking or desiring office as a reward for party fealty. Fraternally he is connected with the Eagles. He has a wide acquaintance in Rock Springs, where practically his entire life has been passed, and his circle of friends is constantly growing as the circle of his acquaintance broadens. The community recognizes in him a progressive business man and one who in public relations stands for progress, development and improvement.

PERCY G. MATTHEWS.

Percy G. Matthews, filling the position of assistant postmaster at Evanston, was born at Newton Abbott, Devonshire, England, May 14, 1877, his parents being William Henry and Emeline (Tucker) Matthews, who were likewise natives of the Merrie Isle and in the fall of 1884 left England en route for America. They did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but made their way at once into the interior of the country, settling in Utah. The father had worked in the shops of the Great Western Railway in England, where he was employed for twenty-one years, and after reaching the new world he lived retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He died in August, 1904, passing away in Taylorsville, Utah, when seventy-seven years of age. His wife also departed this life in Taylorsville in 1900, being then sixty-four years of age.

Percy G. Matthews was the ninth of their family of fourteen children. He began his education in the schools of England and continued his studies in Taylorsville, Utah, where in time he became a high school pupil. In 1897 he removed from Taylorsville to Evanston and entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railway Company, with which he remained for five years. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account and during that period he carefully saved his earnings until his economy and industry had brought him a sum sufficient to enable him to embark in merchandising on his own account, in connection with the well known firm of Dawson & Burdett. He continued in business with the above firm for five years, after which, in 1908, he was appointed to the position of assistant postmaster of Evanston and has since served most efficiently in that position, discharging his duties with marked promptness, capability and thoroughness.

On the 28th of September, 1898, Mr. Matthews was united in marriage to Miss Lillian L. Burdett, of Evanston, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Burdett, representatives of a well known pioneer family. They are still residents of Evanston. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews have become the parents of nine children. James William, born in Evanston in 1901, passed away the same year. Gladys A., born in 1902, is a high school pupil. Sarah E., born in 1904, and Frances Lillian, born in 1906, are both in school. Percy L., born in October, 1909, and Della L., born in 1911, are also in school. Burdett E. and Bernard G., twins, were born in Evanston, November 8, 1914. LaMar Clarence, was born on November 13, 1917.

Mr. Matthews is very prominent in the Church of the Latter-Day Saints and

was installed bishop at Evanston in 1915. He is therefore very active in the management of the affairs of the church in his town. He has also served on the board of trustees of School District, No. 1, and he is a director of the LaMar Mining Company at Morgan, Utah. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, for he is a firm believer in its principles as factors in good government. From the age of seven years he has depended entirely upon his own resources and whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed is attributable to his persistent labor, intelligently directed. He has won a place among the leading citizens of his section of the state and the course that he has followed commands for him the respect, confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been associated.

IVER HIIBACKA.

Iver Hiibacka, a merchant tailor of Rock Springs, conducting one of the well appointed establishments of that character in his city, has by individual effort, intelligently directed, won a substantial measure of success. He was born in Finland, Russia, June 10, 1882, a son of John Hiibacka, who was also a native of Finland and was a merchant tailor by trade, as was his father, Thro Hiibacka. John Hiibacka lived and died in his native land and was quite successful in his business. He passed away in 1908 at the age of forty-eight years and his widow, who bore the maiden name of Lena Make, is still living on the old homeplace there.

Iver Hiibacka was the eldest in a family of nine children. He was educated in the public schools of his native country and when a youth of seventeen started out to earn his own living, having served an apprenticeship under his father at the tailoring trade. He learned all branches of the business and when a youth of sixteen determined to try his fortune in the new world, believing that he would have better business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic. Accordingly he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America, arriving on the 23d of May, 1899. He made his way to the west, first settling in Helena, Montana, where he was employed as laborer in the lumber mills, following that kind of work for two and a half years. He afterward came to Rock Springs, where he arrived on the 20th of September, 1901, here entering the mines of the Union Pacific Coal Company as an employee. He continued to engage in mining for five years, during which time he was injured on three occasions, barely escaping with his life. This led him to return to his original vocation and in 1906 he entered the employ of E. S. Wesman, a pioneer tailor of Rock Springs, with whom he worked for three years. In June, 1909, he established his present business, beginning in a very small way but gradually developing his interests until he now has the leading merchant tailoring establishment in Rock Springs, employing three expert workmen. He has a trade which extends all over this section of the state and his shop is noted for excellent workmanship and for high standards in styles. Mr. Hiibacka is also a stockholder in the Working Men's Commercial Company of Rock Springs.

Mr. Hiibacka has been married twice. On the 16th of April, 1905, he wedded Miss Tilda Buchto, who passed away at Ely, Minnesota, April 23, 1906. On the 3d of July, 1908, Mr. Hiibacka was again married, Miss Hannah Mackey, of Rock Springs, becoming his wife. She is a native of Finland and a daughter of Matt and Susie Mackey, both of whom passed away in Rock Springs, where they located at an early period in the development and up-building of the town. The father was a pioneer carpenter and builder here, arriving in Rock Springs in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Hiibacka have become the parents of two sons: George, born in Rock Springs, July 4, 1909; and Tarmo, born July 23, 1912.

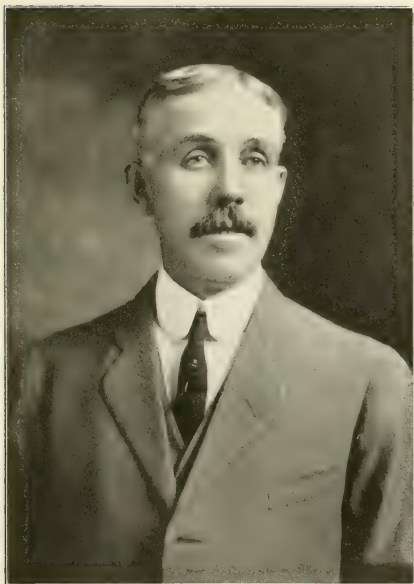
Mr. Hiibacka, conforming to the requirements of law, became a naturalized

American citizen on the 20th of October, 1904. He has since supported the socialist party but has never sought or desired office. His success is due to his own efforts. He came to America a poor boy and is a self-made man, his industry, perseverance and indefatigable effort being the salient features in his growing success.

EDWARD M. TIERNEY.

In this age when one hears much concerning graft and unfaithfulness in public office it is refreshing to turn to the record of such a man as Edward M. Tierney, who is the present efficient treasurer of Carbon county, Wyoming, making his home at Rawlins. His has been an active and useful life in business connections and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called upon him to serve them in a position of public trust. He was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, August 15, 1861, a son of Martin and Johanna (Sullivan) Tierney, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father left the Emerald isle in 1844 to come to America, and first settled at Baltimore, Maryland, while later he removed to Piedmont, West Virginia, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1899, when he was sixty-seven years of age. He was a railroad man, connected with the Baltimore & Ohio during the entire period of his active life, assisting in the early construction of that road. His political allegiance was always given to the democratic party and he was one of the active workers in its ranks. He had many friends among the leading statesmen of his day and was a man esteemed most highly by all who knew him. His religious faith was that of the Roman Catholic church, of which he was a devout adherent. His wife came to America in 1848 with her parents, who settled in Martinsburg, West Virginia. She was married in that state and was a resident of Piedmont, West Virginia, to the time of her death, which occurred in 1886, when she was fifty-two years of age. By her marriage she had become the mother of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, seven of whom are yet living, three sons and four daughters.

Edward M. Tierney, who was the fifth in order of birth in this family, was educated in the public and parochial schools of Westernport, Maryland, and also attended a night school at Piedmont, conducted by Professor Martin O'Gorman. He spent two years as a student in that institution and there completed his education, and his later lessons have been learned in the school of experience. His first employment covered five years' apprenticeship with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at Piedmont, where he learned the machinist's trade. He afterward followed the trade as a journeyman until 1886. In the meantime, in 1884, he had removed to Rawlins, Wyoming, where he had become an employe of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, working in the shops at his trade as a machinist for two years. He was then appointed general foreman and served in that capacity for twelve years. Later he spent five years as master mechanic and was transferred to Laramie, where he occupied a similar position for two years. On the expiration of that period he again came to Rawlins and through the succeeding five years was again master mechanic, but resigned his position in 1913 to engage in business on his own account. He turned his attention to general merchandising in connection with J. J. Cullen and William Niland under the firm style of the Cullen Commercial Company, Inc., of which Mr. Tierney is the vice president, and he is thus actively identified with one of the important commercial interests in the city and also figures in financial circles as the first vice president of the Stock Growers National Bank, which he aided in organizing. His business interests are of a still more extensive scope, for he is the president and manager of the Niland Sheep Company, a Wyoming corporation, which ranks with the leading sheep growers of this state, and he is the vice president and secretary of the Tierney Sheep Company, also a Wyoming corpora-



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tion, which is a prominent factor in connection with the sheep industry in the west.

Mr. Tierney has been married twice. In 1888, in the western part of Maryland, he wedded Miss Katie I. Hogan, who died in Denver, Colorado, in 1906 at the age of forty-two years. She was the mother of five children, two of whom passed away in infancy, while one daughter and two sons are yet living. The eldest is Edna, wife of Arthur H. Rasmusson, of Rawlins, and has a daughter, Kathryn Alice, born November 4, 1917. The two sons are William and Joseph. The former, born in 1896, is now studying law in the Catholic University of Washington, D. C. Joseph, born in 1900 in Laramie, is a senior in the high school of Rawlins. Mr. Tierney's second marriage occurred in Rawlins in 1911, when Mrs. Driscilla Loomis, née Farley, became his wife.

Mr. Tierney has membership in the Roman Catholic church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He has always taken an active part in politics and gave his support to the democratic party until 1900, when he joined the ranks of the republican party. He is deeply interested in political questions and civic affairs and he served four years as city trustee, from 1889 until 1892 inclusive. He is the present county treasurer of Carbon county, making an excellent record in the discharge of his duties and proving a most careful custodian of the public funds. His career has been marked by steady progress since he started out in life on his own account a poor boy, beginning work for the railroad when fifteen years of age. Actuated by laudable ambition he has steadily advanced, utilizing every opportunity to win success, and gradually step by step he has worked his way upward. After a number of years devoted to railway service he felt that his earnings justified his embarkation in business on his own account and he became connected with mercantile interests in Rawlins in 1899, while in 1902 he extended his efforts to include the sheep industry and he is also today a factor in the banking circles of his adopted city. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. There is much that is inspirational in his life record, showing what may be accomplished when there is a will to dare and to do. Opportunity has not had to knock more than once at his door, for he has immediately invited her over the threshold. His chances for advancement have been wisely and intelligently used and he is today one of the valued business men and honored citizens of his adopted state.

SAMUEL E. KNOTER.

Samuel E. Knoter is senior partner in the firm of Knoter & Heward, dealers in meats at Evanston. He was born in Milford, Utah, August 7, 1882, and is a son of Edward L. and Alice (Gage) Knoter. The father was born in Ohio, while the mother is a native of Wales and in early girlhood came to the new world. Edward L. Knoter removed westward when a youth of fourteen years and became a resident of Wyoming. He entered upon an apprenticeship to the Union Pacific Railway Company in connection with engineering and continued to work his way upward until he was holding a responsible position as a locomotive engineer. He is still serving in that capacity and resides with his family in Evanston at the age of fifty-nine years, while his wife has reached the age of fifty-seven years. They are well known and highly respected residents of the city, where they have so long lived, and their circle of friends is almost coextensive with their circle of acquaintances. They had a family of seven children: Mrs. S. D. Judd, who died in Evanston in 1900; C. W., who is a resident of Ogden, Utah; F. M., living in Evanston; E. C., Mrs. Glenn George and Mrs. William Crawford, all of Evanston; and Samuel E., who was the second in order of birth.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools of

Evanston, Samuel E. Knoder secured a position with the Blyth & Fargo Company of Evanston, which he served in a clerical capacity for five years. On the expiration of that period he entered the service of the Union Pacific Railway Company, also in a clerical position, and thus continued for four years. He next became an employe of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he continued for five years in clerical work, after which he returned to Evanston and in 1914 established the Palace Market as a member of the firm of Knoder & Heward. In the intervening period their business has grown to large proportions and they now have a very extensive and gratifying trade.

On the 16th of June, 1912, Mr. Knoder was united in marriage to Miss Clara Heward, of Evanston, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laban Heward, who are prominent pioneer people of Evanston. In politics Mr. Knoder follows an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than party. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks lodge at Rock Springs and also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has never sought to figure prominently in any public connection but has concentrated his efforts and attention upon his business affairs and step by step has won advancement in that way. He now controls a big business which he has developed from a small beginning and his extensive trade is the visible evidence of his industry, his close application and his sound judgment.

LEO VIOX.

Leo Viox is a wholesale and retail dealer in meats and manufacturer of sausage at Green River, where he has developed a business of substantial proportions. He was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, September 10, 1852, and is a son of Bernhardt and Helena (Ell) Viox, who remained in Germany, both being natives of Baden-Baden, where the father followed farming throughout his entire life. He was born February 26, 1799, and died in 1882, having for a decade survived his wife, who passed away in 1872. They had a family of four children, of whom Leo Viox was the third in order of birth.

In early life Leo Viox attended school in Germany and in 1871, when nineteen years of age, he bade adieu to friends and native country in order to come to the United States. Crossing the Atlantic, he landed at New York city and was employed in various ways there, during which time he also attended night school to learn the English language. He afterward began work as an apprentice in connection with the meat business, which he thoroughly learned, acquainting himself with the work in principle and detail. From New York he went to Cincinnati, where he became engaged in dressing meat and in making sausage for the trade. He was employed in that way for some time and afterward removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he worked at his trade, and also at Allentown, Pennsylvania. Continuing his westward journey, he next located at Vincennes, Indiana, where he followed his trade for a year, and then went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed in a similar capacity for a time. He embarked in business on his own account in St. Louis, remaining there for five years, when he decided to take Horace Greeley's advice and go west. He arrived in Green River, Wyoming, in 1886, having removed to that city with the express purpose of engaging in the meat business. He formed a partnership with Bernhard Spinner, with whom he was associated for four years, or from 1886 until 1890. Since then he has conducted the business alone. He engages in slaughtering his own cattle and in making sausage with the assistance of men whom he employs, and he is now conducting a large and profitable business which is growing year by year.

Mr. Viox was married in June, 1870, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Miss Josephine Leutner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leutner, the former a Civil war

veteran, serving under General Franz Sigel. He was a cooper by trade and followed that pursuit in order to provide for his family. To Mr. and Mrs. Viox have been born seven children: Mrs. Mayme Kidd, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, March 17, 1880, and is now a resident of Green River; Charles A., who was born in St. Louis in December, 1882, and there attended school, but now resides in Green River, where he is married and has two children, Josephine and Mary; Mrs. Alice Wilson, who was born in St. Louis in 1885, is now a resident of Cheyenne and has two children, Charles and Marie; Mrs. Ida Nolan, born in St. Louis in 1887, has one child, Norman Nolan; Frank J., born in Green River in 1888, is married and has one child, Francis; Eleanor, born in Green River in 1890, is a graduate of the high school of that city; Mrs. Lois Gillum, born in Green River in 1892, is a high school graduate and by her marriage has become the mother of two children, Louise and Robert.

Mr. Viox and his family are adherents of the Roman Catholic church. He is a republican in his political faith and for twelve years he filled the office of councilman, doing important public service in connection with the general welfare, his aid and influence being always given on the side of progress and improvement. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World. He ranks with the representative residents of his state and belongs to that class of men who are self-made. Unassisted he has worked his way upward and through his business discernment and wise investment he has become the owner of considerable property in Green River.

CHARLES FRANCIS MOORE.

Charles Francis Moore, a well known stock man of Shoshoni, has lived in Wyoming since 1896 or for a period of twenty-one years. He was born at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on the 16th of September, 1874, his parents being Byron B. and Etta (Vaughn) Moore, both of whom were natives of the state of New York and later established their home in Iowa, where the father passed away, while the mother is still living. They had a family of four children, two of whom have departed this life.

Charles Francis Moore spent the period of his boyhood and youth in Iowa, largely devoting his time to the acquirement of a common school education, which qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. He continued his residence in his native state until 1896, when at the age of twenty-two years he left the middle west and made his way to Wyoming, settling in Fremont county, where he engaged in the stock business. In 1905 he began sheep raising and has since concentrated his efforts and attention upon that industry. He is also identified with the oil business, having invested in oil lands. He is likewise the vice president of the Shoshoni State Bank, which he aided in organizing, and he is president of the Warehouse Association. In a word, he is actively and prominently connected with various business concerns which have had to do with the upbuilding and development of this section of the state. His plans are well defined and promptly executed and he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail and year by year his progress has advanced him on the highroad to fortune.

In December, 1914, Mr. Moore was joined in wedlock to Miss Hazel E. Howard, a native of Wyoming. They became the parents of two children, but death entered the household and both little ones died in infancy. Mrs. Moore is a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Moore belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having membership in Windriver Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He has taken the degrees of the York Rite up to and including the Knight Templar degree, being now identified with Hugh DePeyen Commandery. He is a loyal adherent



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of the craft, true to its teachings and in hearty sympathy with the purposes of the order, which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of mankind and the obligations thereby imposed. Mr. Moore votes with the republican party, is interested in its success and is recognized as one of the active local workers in its ranks. He is now serving as a member of the city council and as such is putting forth every effort in his power to advance the interests of the community in which he lives. His has been a progressive career, attended with excellent results, and the value of his activity in business circles is indicated in the fine residence which he owns in Shoshoni and which stands as a monument to his enterprise and sound judgment.

CHARLES CARLSON.

Charles Carlson, well known in Newcastle and that section of the state as one of the prominent stockmen of Weston county, is proprietor of the A U 7 ranch, one of the oldest ranch properties of northeastern Wyoming, and is thereon engaged in handling sheep and cattle. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as his success has come as the direct reward of persistent energy and indefatigable industry intelligently directed. He was born in Sweden on the 11th of October, 1864, and is a son of John and Matilda (Johnson) Carlson. The father died in 1900 in Sweden, and the mother passed away in the summer of 1917 also in that country.

Their son Charles was educated in the public schools of Sweden and then came to the United States when a youth of sixteen years, arriving in 1880. He located first in Boone, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he attended school, being thus anxious to improve his education and gain a knowledge of the English language. He spent five years in Boone and Greene counties of Iowa, working for wages, and afterward passed a year in Miller, South Dakota, after which he removed to Rapid City, South Dakota, where he was identified with railroad construction work for two years. He next came to Wyoming in 1887 and was employed on the construction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad into Cheyenne. In 1892 he became identified with the sheep industry as an employe of Dr. Wilson, of Douglas, for the Platte Valley Sheep Company, with whom he continued for two years, when he began dealing in sheep on his own account. He has since been connected with the industry, his original operations being in the Douglas territory. In the spring of 1900 he removed to Weston county and since that time has made Newcastle his headquarters. In 1906 he organized the Carlson Sheep Company, of which he is the president, and under that name he has operated extensively. In 1915 he also took up the cattle industry and is now handling both sheep and cattle. His interests are extensive and his business affairs have placed him in the front rank among the representative citizens of Weston county. In 1917 he was one of the organizers of the Newcastle National Bank and has become well known in financial circles, for he also aided in the organization of the Citizens State Bank of Upton. With both of these institutions he is connected as a member of the board of directors.

In 1901 Mr. Carlson was united in marriage to Miss Bessie A. Clark, of Tabor, Iowa, and to them were born two children, a daughter and a son. The son is deceased but the daughter, Elsie Matilda, is attending the normal school at Spearfish, South Dakota.

Mr. Carlson votes with the republican party, which he has supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen. Fraternally he is identified with Newcastle Lodge, No. 13, A. F. & A. M., and he belongs also to Newcastle Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and enjoys the comradeship of his many friends, while his strongly marked characteristics make for personal popularity among his associates. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.



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Native born citizens, it often seems, come by the privileges of American life too easily to appreciate them in the fullest degree. At least some of those who have sacrificed and suffered to obtain them value these blessings more highly than those to whom they come as a matter of course. Mr. Carlson had to sever home ties in order to enjoy the benefits of American life and opportunities and, dependent upon his own resources from the early age of sixteen years, he has steadily worked his way upward, achieving success as the result of sheer merit and ability.

DENNIS RYAN.

Dennis Ryan is numbered among the well known pioneer settlers of southern Wyoming, where he has conducted business for many years as a successful cattleman and rancher. He makes his home in Laramie and at the present time is filling the position of chairman of the board of county commissioners. He is one of Wyoming's broadminded and far-sighted citizens whose efforts have been beneficially effective and whose cooperation can at all times be counted upon in promoting the development and upbuilding of the state.

He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, February 29, 1860, a son of David and Mary A. (Sullivan) Ryan. The mother came to America with her parents when a little maiden of but five years, the family home being established in Boston, in which city she was educated and married. The father was a lad of but twelve years when he made the voyage across the briny deep with his parents, who also settled in Boston, where he learned the iron business. After his marriage he removed to Portland, Maine, where he followed his trade for a number of years, but eventually sought the opportunities of the west, removing to Laramie in 1875. There he secured employment in the rolling mills, and in this connection he continued up to the time of his retirement from active business. He was a man of wonderful endurance, a giant in physical strength, and at the age of eighty-four years was still well preserved, strong and powerful, retaining all the vigor of young manhood. He passed away in 1912 after reaching the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey. He was a devoted and loving husband and father, who reared his children to ever be respectful, honorable, truthful and kind. Those were the lessons which he was constantly impressing upon their minds, lessons which have borne good fruit. His wife passed away in Laramie in 1908 at the age of seventy-three years. In their family were five children, two of whom have departed this life, one daughter having died in infancy, while Miss Annie Ryan died in Laramie. Those who are still residents of Laramie are: Dennis, of this review; Barry, who is engaged in the cattle business with his brother Dennis and who was formerly an iron worker, having started in the iron business with his father at a wage of fifty cents per day and rising to a position of boss-roller which paid him twenty dollars per day and was filling that position at the time when the mills were burned; and Helen, who was born in Laramie and is acting as housekeeper for her brothers in their beautiful home at 268 North Second street, which they built.

In his boyhood days Dennis Ryan attended the country schools of Portland, Maine, and also continued his education in a night school under the tutelage of Mrs. Boyd, of Laramie. Later he was employed in the Laramie Rolling Mills first at a salary of one dollar per day, which was increased to as high as seven dollars and fifty cents per day, and by close attention to business and wise economy he was enabled to purchase ranch property in connection with his brother about three miles north of Laramie. They made the purchase while still employed in the rolling mills and began raising cattle upon their ranch, which is today one of the finest properties of the state. Enough fodder is gathered each summer to feed the cattle through the entire winter and there

has been erected substantial shelter for the stock. Various outbuildings have been put up so that they have space for storing three hundred and sixty-five tons of fodder—an amount which was harvested in the year 1917. The brothers continued their work in the rolling mill until the plant was destroyed by fire and was not rebuilt. They have since concentrated their energies upon the further development of their ranch property and the conduct of their cattle raising interests. They now have one of the finest homes in Laramie, presided over by their sister, and they are widely and favorably known in the city where they have so long resided and where they have been so closely identified with industrial activities. They are members of the Roman Catholic church and Dennis Ryan is a democrat. He has always given his allegiance to the party and is now serving as chairman of the board of county commissioners, making an excellent record in office.

JOHN McCALLISTER FADDIS.

Wyoming owes her upbuilding and prosperity primarily to her live stock interests, but with the utilization of the ranges for cattle and sheep raising other sources of wealth sprung up and it was soon recognized that Wyoming was rich in its mineral deposits and especially in its broad coal fields. Then was instituted the work of developing the mines, a work that was pushed forward largely by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, which organized the Union Pacific Coal Company. In this connection Mr. Faddis has become prominent as superintendent of the mines of the Union Pacific Coal Company at Cumberland, a position of responsibility which he adequately fills to the satisfaction of the corporation which he represents, while among the miners he is held in high respect and esteem, for they recognize his justice and his ability.

Mr. Faddis is a native of Dumbartonshire, Scotland. He was born on the 5th of December, 1857, and is a son of David and Elizabeth (Trainor) Faddis, who crossed the Atlantic to the new world in 1871, when their son John was a lad of thirteen years. The family home was established at Coalville, Utah, and the father, who for many years had been connected with mining interests in Scotland, retired from active business life, spending his remaining days in well earned rest. He died at Coalville in 1879, while his widow survived him until 1887, she, too, passing away in that place. They had a family of ten children.

John McCallister Faddis was the eighth in order of birth and in early life he attended the public schools of Scotland but when only nine years of age began working in the mines and since that time has been connected in one phase or another with the development of coal fields in various places of the old and of the new world. In 1874 he removed from Coalville, Utah, to Wyoming, but remained for only a short period at that time. He then returned to Utah, but again came to Wyoming in 1886, locating at Almy, where he continued until 1894. He then again went to Coalville, Utah, where he resided until March, 1901, when he removed to Cumberland, accepting the position of mine foreman of Mine No. 1, and in May, 1910, he was advanced to the superintendency and has since had charge of the entire Cumberland district for the Union Pacific Coal Company. His long experience has made him thoroughly qualified for the duties that devolve upon him in this connection. He is familiar with every phase of coal mining, from the work with pick and shovel and the sorting of the coal until it is placed upon the market. As superintendent he directs the labors of the many miners at Cumberland and his work is proving entirely satisfactory to the corporation which he represents. He carefully guards its interests and at the same time is fair in his dealings with the miners, and excellent conditions exist in the Cumberland district.

On the 2d of April, 1877, Mr. Faddis was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Sim, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sim, the former a miner, who was



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born in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Faddis have become the parents of six children who are living, and they also lost four children in infancy. Those who survive are: Mrs. Elizabeth Bagnell, who was born at Coalville in 1878 and who by her marriage has four children, Viola, John, William and Robert; David T., who was born at Grass Creek, Utah, in November, 1880, and is married and resides at Frontier, Wyoming, where he is rearing his family of six children, Florence, Edna, Henry, Hazel, Margaret and Clara; Robert S., who was born at Coalville in 1885 and is at home; James P., who was born in 1888 at Coalville and is married and lives at Cumberland, where he is rearing a family of three children, James, William and Alexander, while one child, Gordon, has passed away; Mary Essie, who was born in Almy, Wyoming, in 1891 and is the wife of John Keller, of Manti, Utah, and the mother of four children, Leah, deceased, Phyllis, John and Elizabeth; and Velma, who was born in Coalville in March, 1901, and is now a pupil in the high school at Coalville.

Mr. Faddis is a republican in his political views and has filled the office of justice of the peace for six years. He has served as president of the school board for sixteen years and has made a most excellent record by the faithfulness and capability with which he has discharged his public duties. His fraternal relations are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, his membership being in the lodge at Rock Springs. His religious faith is that of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints.

Starting out to provide for his own support when a lad of nine years, Mr. Faddis has indeed won the proud American title of a self-made man. Whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed is attributable entirely to his earnest labor and it has been through his unfaltering industry, his persistency of purpose and his laudable ambition that he has worked upward. His life has been a busy and useful one and he is now at the head of important interests in connection with an industry that has been a most valuable contributing factor to the growth and prosperity of the state.

JAMES BAGULEY.

James Baguley, one of the first men to locate on the present site of Evanston, arrived in 1874, making his way direct to this section of the state on coming to the new world from England. He is one of the few remaining pioneer settlers, for many have passed on, but with the work of development and improvement he has been closely associated through all the intervening years and his connection with public affairs here enables him to speak with authority concerning the upbuilding of the city.

He was born in Manchester, England, August 8, 1843, and is a son of Thomas and Sarah (Stofford) Baguley, who were also natives of England, where they spent their entire lives. The father was engaged in the business of hat manufacturing and was one of the pioneers in the silk hat industry. Both have now passed away. Their family numbered seven children, of whom James was the fourth in order of birth.

At the usual age James Baguley became a pupil in the public schools of his native country but when still quite young began work and since that time has depended entirely upon his own resources for financial advancement. He was employed in various lines and ultimately took up the carpenter's trade, which he followed in his native country until 1874. He then determined to try his fortune in the new world and made his way to America, with Evanston, Wyoming, as his destination. On reaching the west he began work as a contractor and builder and continued to follow the carpenter's trade, his business constantly growing in volume and importance. He assisted in building the present courthouse at Evanston and has erected many of the finest residences and business blocks of the city. He was also employed for a time at the shops of

the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the locomotive woodwork department, but in 1879 he began contracting and building on his own account and no man in Evanston has erected as large an amount of the buildings of the city as he. In a word Evanston in substantial measure stands as a monument to his business enterprise and activity.

Mr. Baguley was married in 1865, to Miss Nannie Stone, of Manchester, England, who died in Evanston, Wyoming, in 1900. They had a family of eight children, of whom four are yet living. Mrs. Sarah Knight, who was born in Manchester, England, and resides in Salt Lake City, Utah, now has four children. Mrs. Mary E. Sims, also a native of Manchester, England, resides in Salt Lake City. Clements, born in Manchester, England, died in Salt Lake City. Mrs. Elizabeth Oswell was born in Evanston, Wyoming, and makes her home in Salt Lake City, having a family of five children. William born in Evanston in 1887, is married and makes his home in his native city. He is now owner of the Lincoln Garage, located on his father's property in Evanston. By his marriage he has become the father of three children: Frank, Clements and Philis. The other three children of James Baguley died in infancy.

Mr. Baguley owns a fine residence and other valuable real estate in the city in which he has now resided for more than forty-three years. He is a member of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints, is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Labor and the Trades Union of Denver. In politics he has never been active nor has he sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs, which have been wisely and carefully directed and have brought to him substantial success.

DAVID F. CROUT.

David F. Crout is one of the progressive merchants and business men of Encampment, where he is engaged in dealing in implements and farm machinery. He was born in Brooklyn, Michigan, October 14, 1861, and is the only child of William and Melissa (Bryant) Crout. The father, now deceased, was a native of New York and was descended from Scotch and Dutch ancestry, the family having been founded in the Empire state in pioneer times. Removing westward, William Crout became one of the early settlers of Laramie, Wyoming, making the trip to this state as a United States soldier in 1866, being assigned to duty as guard to the stages on the overland trail. He participated in Indian fighting upon the frontier and assisted in the building of the early forts. He also established the first hotel in Laramie, known as the Frontier, and this he successfully conducted until 1881, after which he removed to Carbon county in 1884, taking up a ranch on Beaver creek, which he conducted until his death. He passed away in 1894, at the age of sixty-nine years, and in his passing Wyoming lost one of its most valued citizens—one who had taken a most active and helpful part in bringing about the pioneer development and progress of the state.

The settler of today cannot realize the hardships and privations which the early pioneers had to meet. Cut off from the civilization of the east by the long stretches of sand and the mountains of the west, they had to depend upon their own labors and resources for all that they could secure; and besides, there was the constant menace of Indian attack. It required much personal bravery to meet such conditions and aid in planting the seeds of civilization upon the western frontier. With this work Mr. Crout was closely connected and the state owes to him a debt of gratitude for what he accomplished in the work of general improvement and advancement. His wife was born in Steuben county, New York, and represented one of the old families of the Empire state of French and Irish lineage. They were married in Michigan and Mrs. Crout passed away in that state in 1897, at the age of sixty-eight years.

David F. Crout of this review removed to Laramie on the building of the railroad. He crossed the Missouri river at Omaha on the ferry and proceeded by Union Pacific Railway westward to his destination, reaching Laramie in the fall of 1869. He completed his education in the schools of Laramie, and at the age of twenty-one years started out in business on his own account. He took up a homestead and desert claim on Beaver creek, which he at once began to develop and improve. He carried on general farming and also engaged in raising stock there until 1912. In 1914 he became associated with W. E. Tilton, of Saratoga, Wyoming, in the establishment of the implement and farm machinery business in which they have since been engaged.

In 1902, in the city of New York, Mr. Crout was united in marriage to Miss Etta Brown, a native of Illinois and a daughter of the late George R. Brown, who was one of the early residents of Rock Island, Illinois, where Mrs. Crout was reared and educated.

Politically Mr. Crout is a republican and served as the first water commissioner of District No. 7, being connected with the office for seven years. He was also a member of the school board and served in that capacity until 1917, acting as treasurer of the board for a number of years. Fraternally he is well known as a representative of the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge and to the chapter, having been made a Mason in Encampment Lodge, No. 19, F. & A. M. He is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of The Maccabees, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Yeomen. He stands for advancement and improvement in all things relating to the public welfare and the work which was begun by his father in pioneer times is being carried forward by the son, who has ever recognized his duties and obligations as well as his privileges of citizenship and has labored to advance the welfare of the community and the state in which he lives.

HON. ANDREW MORROW.

Hon. Andrew Morrow is representing the third district of Wyoming in the state legislature and is thus taking active part in framing the laws of the state. For some time he has been a recognized leader in the ranks of the democratic party in Wyoming, laboring earnestly at all times to secure the adoption of those principles which he firmly believes are the most effective agencies in good government. In business connections he is well known as a representative of the Blyth-Fargo-Hoskins Company of Kemmerer, in which city he makes his home.

He was born in Dumbartonshire, Scotland, March 18, 1879, a son of Mathew and Elizabeth (Dollar) Morrow, who were also natives of the land of hills and heather. In the year 1886 the father brought his family to the new world, settling at Almy, Wyoming, where he engaged in mining for a considerable period, but is now living retired, enjoying a well merited rest. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he has been much interested in its success and in the upholding of democratic standards. He served for many years as county commissioner of Uinta county and he is now chairman of the democratic central committee. He has exerted much influence over public thought and actions, especially along political lines. In a business way, too, he has made for himself a creditable name and position, becoming one of the successful men of his community.

Andrew Morrow was the seventh in order of birth in a family of thirteen children. He acquired a public school education in Almy, having been a little lad of but seven years when brought by his parents to the new world. He started out to provide for his own support as a youth of fourteen and was originally employed in the mines. He followed mining for ten years and then turned his attention to commercial pursuits, for in the meantime he had carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought to him



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sufficient capital to enable him to embark in business for himself. He then purchased a stock of groceries and conducted his store for three years, at the end of which time he sold the business. For the past three and a half years he has been connected with the Blyth-Fargo-Hoskins Company at Kemmerer and thus continues an active factor in commercial circles in the city.

In 1905, in Evanston, Wyoming, Mr. Morrow was married to Miss Selina Heward, a native of Almy and a daughter of L. and Elizabeth Heward, who were pioneer settlers of Wyoming. The father was at one time a member of the state legislature. He is still living, but the mother has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Morrow have been born four children, Berenice, Howard, Ethel and Dale. The family occupy an enviable social position, the hospitality of the best homes of their section of the state being freely accorded them.

In politics Mr. Morrow has long been a stalwart democrat and one of the active workers in party ranks. In November, 1916, he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and he has been instrumental in introducing and securing the passage of a bill providing for two terms of court for the third judicial district. He also framed various labor bills which are still pending. He has served as a member of the city council and has done everything to advance municipal interests and welfare. He is president of the central labor council, which office he has filled for the past three years. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Rock Springs and with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Diamondville and the family are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Morrow belongs also to the Chamber of Commerce of Kemmerer, of which he is the second vice president, and he cooperates most heartily in all of those projects put forth by the organization for the benefit and upbuilding of the city. While advancing his individual interests in a business way he has ever found time and opportunity to cooperate in all those interests which are of worth to the community and is a most valued citizen, enjoying the friendship of his fellow townsmen in Kemmerer and in Lincoln county and the high regard of all with whom he has become associated through legislative connections.

H. RASMUSSEN.

It is a trite saying that there is always room at the top, but few young men seem to fully comprehend this, or else they lack the perseverance and determination that work for advancement and success in a business way. Realizing the opportunities that lay before him, H. Rasmusson has steadily progressed in his business career until he is now numbered among the leading merchants of Rawlins, where he is conducting a well appointed furniture store. In addition he carries on an undertaking and embalming business and in both branches is meeting with well merited success.

Mr. Rasmusson is a native of Denmark. He was born November 21, 1851, his parents being Ole and Katherine Rasmusson. In 1888 the father came to the new world on a visit, but afterward returned to Denmark, where he was engaged in the building business, devoting his attention to that pursuit until called to his final rest in 1889. For two years he survived his wife, who passed away in 1887. They were the parents of four children, Martin, Peter, Ludwig and H. Rasmusson of this review, who is the eldest.

At the usual age H. Rasmusson became a pupil in the public schools of his native country and he remained a resident of Denmark until early in 1872, when, having attained his majority, he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for America on February 20th, attracted by the favorable reports which he had heard concerning business opportunities in the new world. Landed at Portland, Maine, from one of the old Allan Line of steamers, he made his way across the country to Chicago, where he was employed at cabinet making, continuing his residence in



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Chicago and at South Bend, Indiana, until 1881. That year witnessed his arrival in Wyoming, at which time he took up his abode in Laramie, where he entered the employ of the firm of Holliday & Stryker, with whom he remained until his removal to Rawlins on October 10, 1881, when he embarked in business on his own account as a furniture dealer and undertaker. He is today one of the oldest furniture dealers of the state in years of continuous connection with the trade and is also the oldest undertaker. His furniture business in volume as well as in age exceeds that of almost any similar enterprise in Wyoming. He carries an extensive and well selected stock of goods, representing the leading manufacturers of the country, and his reasonable prices and straightforward business methods have won for him a patronage which is most gratifying and substantial. He has concentrated his attention largely upon the management and control of his business and has always maintained the highest standards in the personnel of the house, in the line of goods carried and in the character of service rendered to patrons. The undertaking department of the business is in every way up-to-date and its equipment is second to none in the state, whether it refers to mechanical appliances or the highly competent and capable service of the attendants. Mr. Rasmusson has other important interests, being president of the Pine Grove Live Stock Company, of which his son is manager. This company was incorporated in September, 1909, and is entirely controlled by Mr. Rasmusson and his family. While he acts as the president, Mrs. Rasmusson is the treasurer, the daughter, Mabel F., the secretary, and Arthur H., the manager. The corporation controls close to ten thousand deeded acres and it also makes use of six thousand acres under lease, its land being mainly located in Carbon and Sweetwater counties.

In April, 1885, Mr. Rasmusson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Alice Haigh, of Chicago, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haigh, of that city. Three children have been born of this marriage. Mrs. Alice Firestone is the wife of W. S. Firestone, by whom she has a son, Henry Winfield, born March 31, 1918. She was born in Rawlins in 1889. Arthur H. was born in Rawlins in 1891 and is now manager of his father's ranch. He married Edna, daughter of Edward M. Tierney, of Rawlins, and has a daughter, Kathryn Alice, born November 4, 1917. Margaret was born in 1895, and is clerking for her father. The children were provided with liberal educational opportunities, attending the high school of Rawlins.

Mr. Rasmusson has long been a valued citizen of Wyoming and has been identified with many events which have had to do with shaping the policy and directing the interests of his community and of the state. Since attaining his political franchise by becoming of age Mr. Rasmusson has been a staunch democrat, having cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley. Ever since he has ably and resultfully supported his party, having taken a very active part in the political life of his section. For six terms he served as mayor of Rawlins, his long continuance in the office being proof of his marked capability and the trust reposed in him. He was also for one term county treasurer. The last time that he was a candidate for office there were only three democrats elected in the entire county, of whom he was one. He served as city treasurer for five terms and his official service has ever been characterized by the utmost devotion to the general good. No one has ever questioned his integrity in public office, and although they may disagree with him in political opinion they recognize his fidelity to the trusts reposed in him. In the year 1903, at the time of the great mine disaster at Hanna, in which one hundred and sixty-eight miners lost their lives, Mr. Rasmusson was called upon to take charge of the work of bringing the bodies to the surface and preparing them for burial. It required six months before the last body was recovered. It nearly resulted in the death of Mr. Rasmusson but the work was ultimately accomplished, although it proved a most nerve racking experience.

Mr. Rasmusson was appointed by Governor Carey a member of the state board of embalmers and was reappointed to the position by Governor Kendrick. In 1916 Mr. Rasmusson was elected secretary of that body and he now fills this

position. He has been the president of the Wyoming Funeral Directors Association since its organization and is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association of North America and a member of its executive committee. For thirty-seven years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also is identified with the Woodmen of the World and is a charter member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church, to which all of his family belong and of which he is a very loyal adherent, being liberal in his contributions toward the support of the organization.

His entire life has been actuated by high and honorable principles and all who know him speak of him in terms of warm and enduring regard. He is one of the pioneer merchants of the state and an honored citizen, well meriting the confidence and goodwill his fellow townsmen so freely accord him.

MARTIN HALSTEAD HARTUNG.

Martin Halstead Hartung, who since 1907 has been engaged in the land business in Wyoming, handling farm lands and ranches under the firm name of the Hartung Land Company, with office in Cheyenne, was born on a farm in Benton county, Iowa, December 1, 1870, his parents being Martin and Martha (Halstead) Hartung, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed westward, becoming pioneer settlers of Iowa.

Under the parental roof Martin H. Hartung was reared and his education was acquired in the schools of Des Moines, Iowa. In his boyhood days he lived upon the home farm, meeting with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farmbred boy. Shortly after completing his school work in Des Moines he secured a position in the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) National Bank, with which he was connected until he resigned to engage in the book, stationery and wall paper business in Des Moines. Having always been interested in live stock, he at length disposed of his commercial interests in Des Moines and removed to Wyoming to become secretary and manager of the Camp Stool ranch, fourteen miles east of Cheyenne. He resided thereon until the settlers began coming in from the east in considerable numbers and proved that farming was a success on what had been previously considered only grazing land. Recognizing the great opportunity for the development of this region as a farming district, he then turned his attention to the land business about 1907, organizing the Hartung Land Company, under which name he still continues to handle farm lands and ranches. He has negotiated many sales which have made his business a large and profitable one and through this agency he has done much to develop the agricultural possibilities of his section of the state.

In Des Moines, Iowa, on the 27th of November, 1895, Mr. Hartung was united in marriage to Miss Christine Gilcrest, a daughter of J. K. Gilcrest, a pioneer lumberman and capitalist of Iowa, who became the founder of the Gilcrest Lumber Company of that city in the year 1856. To Mr. and Mrs. Hartung has been born a son, Kirk Gilcrest Hartung, who is now being educated at the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colorado, where he is pursuing a mining engineer's course.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartung are very active in the social and club life of Cheyenne. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason and member of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is a stalwart republican of the standpat variety, giving unswerving allegiance to the principles in which he believes. He was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, becoming a member of the ninth and tenth general assemblies and occupying the position of speaker pro tem, during his second term. The Wyoming Tribune stated that: "The name of Martin H. Hartung and dry farming are so closely associated that to mention one is to suggest the other, and this is not only in the fact that Mr. Hartung was chairman of the board of control of the National Dry Farming Congress, but that he is also the author

of the dry farming appropriation bill, which, together with a bill compelling railroads to fence their rights of way for the better protection of the stock and range, were notable features in the ninth general assembly." This quotation indicates something of the important work which Mr. Hartung did as a member of the state legislature.

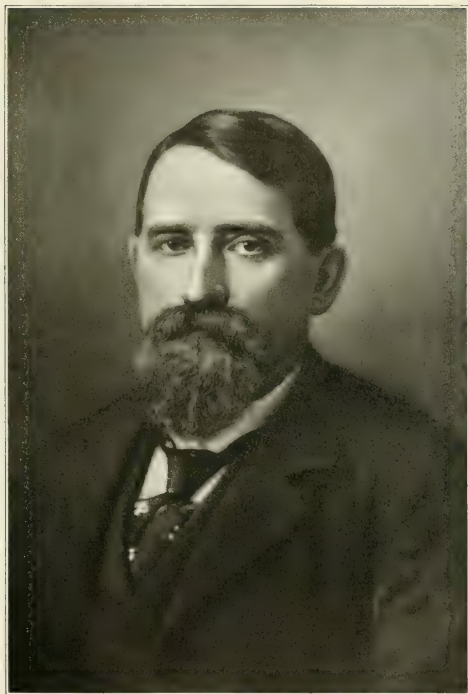
He has closely studied the possibilities of Wyoming for agricultural development, and becoming convinced that its lands are necessarily rich and productive, he has done much to bring about the settlement of the section of the state around Cheyenne and convert it into highly cultivated fields, from which are annually gathered extensive crops. While he has prospered in his undertakings, the public has been a large and direct beneficiary of his labors.

GEORGE E. BRISTOL, M. D.

Dr. George E. Bristol, who is actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Evanston and is also proprietor of the Bristol Hotel, belongs to that class of representative citizens in whose enterprise and progressiveness are found the basis of the city's development and progress.

He was born September 11, 1851, in Panton, Addison county, Vermont. His father, the late Philo Bristol, was also a native of the Green Mountain state and a representative of one of its old families of English lineage, founded in America soon after the Revolutionary war. Philo Bristol during his early life devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and in later years engaged in merchandising. While on a visit to the west he invested heavily in Colorado properties and purchased the E. W. Whitcomb ranch in that state together with other properties which were well known as valuable and desirable holdings. He died in 1884 at the age of seventy-one years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Prudence Rugg, was a native of Massachusetts and was a representative of one of the old families of that state, of English lineage. Her ancestors settled in the old town of Deerfield, Massachusetts, which was destroyed by the Indians, and some of the representatives of the family were massacred by the red men. Mrs. Bristol passed away in the year 1895 at the advanced age of eighty-two years. She had become the mother of nine children.

Dr. Bristol, who was the eighth of that family, obtained a public school education at Vergennes, Vermont, and was graduated from the high school of that city. A review of the broad field of labor determined him to prepare for the practice of medicine as a life work and with that end in view he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Vermont at Burlington, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree as a member of the class of 1880. His early life to the age of sixteen years had been spent upon the home farm with the usual experiences of the farmbred boy, after which he was employed at clerical work in Pittsford, Vermont, acting as bookkeeper in a mercantile establishment there for four years. During the succeeding seven years he engaged in the drug business at Essex, New York, and it was this connection that constituted his initial step toward choosing the practice of medicine as a life work. It awakened his interest in the profession and he accordingly prepared for the important duties and responsibilities that devolve upon the physician. Following his graduation from the University of Vermont in 1881, he removed westward, establishing an office at Fort Collins, Colorado, where he entered upon the private practice of medicine, there remaining for eight years. He next went to Laramie, Wyoming, in 1889, ill health having forced him to leave Colorado. He remained in Laramie until 1898, when he took up his abode in Evanston, where he has since remained in active and successful practice, being today recognized as one of the capable and able physicians and surgeons of Uinta county. He holds to high professional standards and is most careful and earnest in the diagnosis of his cases, so that his judgment is seldom if ever



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at fault. He studies and reads along the lines of scientific investigation and modern research and he further keeps in touch with the trend of professional thought and activity as a member of the Wyoming State Medical Society. He was formerly a member of the Colorado State Medical Society and at one time was president of the state board of medical examiners in Colorado. In addition to his practice Dr. Bristol also conducts the Bristol Hotel, a modern hostelry, where comfort and good cheer are ever found.

In 1872, at Port Henry, New York, Dr. Bristol was married to Miss Anna Gilligan, a native of Vermont and a daughter of Dominick and Katherine (Haley) Gilligan. The former, who was of Irish birth, is now deceased. The mother belonged to one of the old families of Vermont. Dr. and Mrs. Bristol have become parents of two children: Armond A., who is a resident of Montpelier, Idaho; and George A., also living in Montpelier. Both are railroad men. All of the relatives of Dr. Bristol have passed away except his elder sister, Adalaide, who is the wife of George E. Stone and is a resident of Vergennes, Vermont.

In religious faith Dr. Bristol is a Presbyterian and loyally adheres to the teachings of the church. His political endorsement is given to the republican party. Fraternally he is a Mason, having joined the order in Essex, New York, in 1876, while he is now affiliated with Evanston Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & A. M. In his life he exemplifies the spirit of the craft and is constantly reaching out a helping hand to someone who needs assistance. His social qualities as well as his professional ability have made him popular and he has a circle of friends in Evanston and Uinta county that is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

FRANK A. CASHIN.

Frank A. Cashin, proprietor of the Mission News Shop and recognized as one of the representative and progressive business men of Evanston, dealing in stationery, news novelties and similar lines, was born February 20, 1889, in the city which is still his home. The family name is closely associated with the history of development and progress in Evanston, where his father, the late William J. Cashin, settled at an early day.

He was a native of England and was brought to America by his parents during his infancy, the family home being established in Highland Falls, New York, where he was reared and educated. The opportunities of the west attracted him, however, and in 1882 he made his way to Wyoming, becoming a resident of Evanston at that time. Here he entered commercial circles as a partner of Newell Beeman and they established the Beeman & Cashin Mercantile Company, beginning business in a comparatively small way but developing their interests until they were at the head of the leading establishment of the kind in their section of the state. Mr. Cashin concentrated his efforts and attention upon promoting the growth of the trade, and recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are always the best advertisement. Accordingly he put forth every effort to please his customers and always carried a line of goods that was satisfactory to the public taste. He remained an active member of the firm up to the time of his death, which occurred in Evanston, February 19, 1911, when he had reached the age of sixty-one years. His demise was deeply regretted by many friends, for he had proven himself a citizen of worth in his community. In politics he was a staunch democrat and was recognized as one of the local leaders in his party. He stood for everything that tended to prove of value along civic lines and he was at the same time an active and earnest member of the Roman Catholic church, doing everything in his power to advance its interests and growth. He married Ellen McAuliff, a native of Middletown, Connecticut, and a representative of one of the old families of that state of Scotch lineage. She is still living

and by her marriage she became the mother of thirteen children, eight of whom survive. The family numbered five daughters and eight sons, of whom Frank A. was the fifth in order of birth and is the third among the living.

Frank A. Cashin, spending his entire life in Evanston, acquired his early education in the public schools and afterward attended All Hallows College, a Catholic school at Salt Lake City, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907. After leaving school he was employed by the Utah Light & Railway Company at stenographic work and later was with the firm of Beeman & Cashin as bookkeeper. At a subsequent date he became secretary to Senator Clark in Washington, D. C., and there remained until 1911, when, upon the death of his father, he returned to Evanston and shortly thereafter became connected with his present business, in which he has since engaged, winning substantial success as the years have gone by. The Mission News Shop is a thoroughly attractive establishment in which is carried a large line of stationery and news novelties. The store is pleasing in its arrangement and in the line of goods handled and the business is steadily increasing.

On the 12th of June, 1917, Mr. Cashin was married in Aberdeen, Washington, to Miss Valeria La Chapelle, a native of Evanston, Wyoming, and a daughter of the late Clement La Chapelle, who was one of the early settlers and prominent residents of Uinta county, where he engaged in ranching. He was of Canadian birth and of French descent.

Mr. Cashin was reared in the Catholic church and holds membership in St. Mary Magdalene church at Evanston. He is also connected with the Knights of Columbus and has membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of The Maccabees. His political endorsement is given to the republican party, and while he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, he is now serving on the school board and he cooperates heartily in every plan and purpose to upbuild the city and improve the conditions which here exist.

HARRY E. HOLDREGE.

Harry E. Holdrege, filling the office of sheriff of Hot Springs county and making his home in Thermopolis, was born in Smith Center, Kansas, July 31, 1882, a son of L. A. and Nellie (McConville) Holdrege, the former a native of Wisconsin, while the latter was born in Illinois. They removed to Kansas in 1882 and afterward took up their abode in Nebraska. In 1887 they became residents of Colorado, where the mother passed away in the year 1905. The father survives and now makes his home in Idaho. In their family were six children who are yet living, while two have passed away.

Harry E. Holdrege was reared and educated in Colorado, pursuing his studies in the common schools and in the academy at Fort Collins. In that state he afterward filled the office of town marshal for three years, and in the fall of 1906 he removed to Wyoming, becoming a resident of Hot Springs county, where he has since made his home. Here he has also figured prominently in public affairs, his sterling worth and ability being soon recognized by his fellow townsmen among whom he had cast his lot. He has always voted with the democratic party and has labored untiringly to insure its success and secure the adoption of its principles. For two terms he filled the office of deputy sheriff and in 1916 was chosen by ballot to the office of sheriff, in which capacity he is now serving, discharging his duties without fear or favor.

In 1913 Mr. Holdrege was united in marriage to Miss Julia Woller, a native of Denmark. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and is interested in many of the agencies which work for the uplift of the individual and the advancement of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Holdrege occupy an attractive residence in Thermopolis and its hospitality is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

Mr. Holdrege belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has passed through the various degrees, becoming also a member of Kalif Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Sheridan. He is a member of the International Sheriffs' Association and of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He is chairman of the local board of the draft and he cooperates in all those forces and interests which work for the good of the community.

CHAUNCEY B. TYPER.

Chauncey B. Typer, a well known cattle and stockman of Hot Springs county, living in Thermopolis, came to Wyoming from Illinois, his native state. He was born at Ogle county, November 20, 1877, and is a son of William and Eleanor (Linn) Typer, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. On removing westward they settled in Illinois in the early '40s, taking up their abode upon a farm in Ogle county, where they spent their remaining days, the father devoting his entire life to general agricultural pursuits. To him and his wife were born seven children, five of whom are yet living.

Chauncey B. Typer spent his youthful days upon the old homestead farm in Illinois, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He attended the public schools and when not busy with his textbooks worked in the fields. In 1896, when a youth of about nineteen years, he left home and made his way to New Mexico, spending about two years in the southwest. In 1898 he arrived in Wyoming with Cheyenne as his destination. He turned his attention to the stock business there and in 1905 he removed to Thermopolis, locating on a ranch in Hot Springs county. He owns over two thousand acres of land here and is now running about eighteen hundred head of cattle, mostly Hereford stock, upon his place. He is one of the largest stock dealers of the county, his business affairs being wisely directed and bringing him substantial success. He has studied the best methods of caring for his stock and keeping them in excellent condition, so that it will not be a difficult task to fatten them and prepare them for the market when he wishes to place his stock upon sale.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Typer is a Mason, belonging to the lodge and to the chapter. His political endorsement is given to the republican party. He is quiet and retiring in disposition and in manner but his genuine worth is widely recognized and his pronounced business ability has gained him a substantial position in commercial and business circles. It is characteristic of him that he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has closely studied all questions relating to stock raising in northern Wyoming and his long experience and ability enable him to speak with authority upon the question.

JOSEPH SNEIDER.

Joseph Snieder, chairman of the board of county commissioners in Hot Springs county, is a native of Germany. He was born February 13, 1863, and is a son of Carl and Amelia Snieder, who were also born in that land, where they spent their entire lives. Their son came to the new world when a youth of but thirteen years and first made his way to Chicago, where he remained for two and a half years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Texas, where he lived for two years, and in 1880 he arrived in Wyoming, then a territory. In 1907 he took up his abode in Hot Springs county and has since lived at Thermopolis, being one of its widely known and highly respected residents. He has taken quite an active part in shaping public thought and action in his community and is one of the recognized leaders in the ranks of the republican party, which he has supported since becoming a naturalized American citizen. In 1914 he was



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elected to the office of county commissioner, in which capacity he has since served and is now chairman of the board. He exercises his official prerogatives in support of many well defined plans and measures for the general good, carefully safeguarding the interests of this section.

In 1898 Mr. Sneider was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Irvin, a native of Pennsylvania, and to them have been born two daughters: Hazel, who is now attending a business college in Denver; and Mabel, a high school pupil. Mrs. Sneider is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Fraternally Mr. Sneider is connected with the Masons, belonging to Thermopolis Lodge, No. 17, F. & A. M., in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is a loyal adherent to the teachings of the craft and he has many warm friends among his brethren of that fraternity and in other circles of life.

CHARLES H. SOLIER, M. D.

Dr. Charles H. Solier is one of the distinguished physicians of Wyoming who has specialized in the treatment of mental and nervous diseases and is now occupying the responsible position of superintendent of the Wyoming State Hospital for the Insane, located at Evanston.

He was born on the 18th of September, 1861, in Lockport, Ohio, a son of the late Francis Solier, who was a native of France and came to America in 1832, when a young man. He first took up his abode in the state of New York, where he resided for a short time, but afterward became one of the early settlers of Williams county, Ohio, where for years he engaged in the milling business, conducting a water power grist mill. During the latter years of his life he successfully devoted his time and energies to merchandising and passed away in 1868, at the age of fifty-two years. He was active in political affairs in his community and was recognized as a man of considerable influence in both political and civic circles, holding at all times to high standards of citizenship and endorsing every plan or measure which he believed would prove a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He married Catherine Barber, also a native of France, who had come to the United States in early girlhood, and she, too, had taken up her abode in New York, where she met Mr. Solier, who sought her hand in marriage. To them were born six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom three are yet living.

Dr. Solier is indebted to the public school system of Stryker, Ohio, for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed, and afterward he entered Oberlin College of Oberlin, Ohio, in which he completed a classical course with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1884. Following his graduation from that institution, in which he had acquired a good literary foundation for his professional training, he entered the Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, New York, where he won his M. D. degree upon graduation with the class of 1888. Dr. Solier located for the practice of medicine in Kansas, where he continued for a year and a half, and then removed to Wyoming, settling at Rawlins on the 10th of October, 1889. He opened an office in that city and engaged in general practice, at the same time acting as local surgeon for the Union Pacific Railway Company, with which he continued until August 1, 1891. He then removed to Evanston and has since been in active practice in the city where he still resides. In all the intervening years he has remained a close student of his profession, keeping in touch with the trend of modern thought and investigation along those lines which have to do with the laws of health. He was appointed superintendent of the Wyoming State Hospital for the Insane on the 1st of August, 1891, and has continued in that position throughout the intervening period, covering more than a quarter of a century. He has made a close study of mental and nervous diseases and as superintendent has so directed the interests of the institution as to make it one of great worth to the state. That his efforts have been highly satisfactory to the state in general is indicated by his long retention

in the office. Combined with his broad scientific knowledge is a humanitarian spirit that prompts him to put forth the most earnest and effective effort to restore to normal conditions those under his charge. With this end in view he has taken post-graduate work in New York, where he has largely concentrated upon the study of mental diseases. He belongs to the Wyoming State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Psychological Association, which is also a national organization. In 1904 he was honored with the presidency of the Rocky Mountain Medical Association and occupied that position for two years. In addition to his professional activity, he has also extended his efforts to some extent into business lines and is now a director of the Evanston National Bank and president of the Evanston Electric Light Company. This was organized in 1888 and is one of the oldest electric light plants in the state. Its stock is controlled by the original incorporators and from the beginning the enterprise has been conducted along progressive lines leading to substantial success. Dr. Solier is also president of the Wyuta Cattle Company and is thus connected with one of the important sources of Wyoming's development and upbuilding.

On the 3d of June, 1896, in Evanston, Dr. Solier was united in marriage to Miss Julia B. Winslow, a native of Wyoming, who was born in Evanston, a daughter of the late I. C. Winslow and Martha (Hughes) Winslow, who were prominent pioneer people of the state. The father was for many years successfully engaged in merchandising. He was a staunch democrat in his political views and filled various public offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity, serving as mayor, as county commissioner and in other positions. Dr. and Mrs. Solier have become parents of a son, Charles W., who was born in Evanston, April 30, 1897.

In his fraternal relations Dr. Solier is a Mason, having joined the order in Evanston, since which time he has been a faithful follower of the craft. He commands the confidence of all by reason of his upright career, and enjoys the respect and admiration of his colleagues and contemporaries in the medical profession by reason of his marked devotion to the highest professional standards and also on account of his successful achievements in practice.

PROFESSOR CHARLES LAWBURGH MARTIN.

Professor Charles Lawburgh Martin, superintendent of the city schools of Rawlins, was born October 13, 1872, in Rockport, Indiana, a son of the late John Martin who was a native of Italy but came to America in 1852 when a youth of thirteen years. He settled near Rockport, Indiana, and was a painter by trade, following that pursuit successfully throughout his remaining days. He was born in October, 1839, and passed away in 1899, at the age of sixty years, at the National Soldiers' Home in Dayton, Ohio, for he was a Civil war veteran, having served in defense of his adopted country as a member of Company H, Twenty-fifth Indiana Infantry. For three years he was engaged in active duty as a private and was wounded at Fort Donelson. He suffered many hardships during his army experience, from which he never recovered, and his last days were spent in the Soldiers' Home amid his old army comrades, their blue uniform indicating the valiant service which they had rendered to the country. Mr. Martin was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being identified with James C. Veatch Post. His wife bore the maiden name of Caroline Elizabeth Lawburgh and was born in West Carrollton, Ohio. Her father was a native of Holland, while her mother's people were of French-Huguenot stock. Mrs. Martin passed away at Rockport in 1886, when forty-one years of age, her birth having occurred in 1844. By her marriage she had become the mother of five children, four of whom are yet living, three sons and a daughter, while Elsie died in infancy. The others are: Edward, a resident of Rockport, Indiana, where he



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is widely known as a prominent merchant, while in 1917 he was elected to the office of mayor of that city; James, who is also engaged in merchandising in Rockport; Charles L., of this review; and Minnie, who is living in Dayton, Ohio.

Professor Charles L. Martin acquired his elementary education in the schools of Rockport and passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school as a member of the class of 1890. He later spent three years as a student in De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, and for one year continued his education in the Indiana University at Bloomington. He also studied in the University of Utah and in the University of Wyoming. In the meantime he had become actively identified with the work of the ministry, having in 1895 joined the Indiana Conference. He completed his conference course in the study of theology in 1899. He had been ordained a deacon in 1897, was made an elder in 1899 and served several student charges, one extending from 1901 until 1904 and another from 1905 until 1907. He devoted fifteen years to the work of the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church, covering the period between 1895 and 1910. His first professional activity, however, had been in the field of teaching, to which he devoted his energies from 1892 until 1895, being thus connected with the district schools of Spencer county, Indiana. He afterward entered the ministry, being mostly engaged on student appointments while completing his education. Two years were spent in Utah in missionary work and during the following five years he was superintendent of the city schools at Park City, Utah, where he installed many new and modern features in advanced education. In July, 1915, he came to Rawlins and in August of that year entered upon his present position as superintendent of the city schools, to which he had been unanimously elected in June previous. Again his labors have been of the utmost effect and importance in improving the school system of the city, the schools of Rawlins today being recognized as among the most advanced in all branches of learning in the state. A domestic science department is conducted, while training is given in all of the higher branches of learning and in several foreign languages. The school contains all of the latest and best in equipment and furnishings and there is a large assembly hall with stage on which entertainments may be presented. Instruction is given in athletics and in the manual of arms and the pupils are provided with shower and bath privileges. There has been installed an electrical equipment for the domestic science department and for manual training work and a splendid library is maintained to supplement the instruction given along these various lines. In fact, the Rawlins schools compare favorably with the schools in any of the leading cities of the country and much of the present achievement has been brought about through the efforts of Professor Martin, who is a liberal and broad-minded educator and who has won the cooperation and support of the board of education of Rawlins, which is composed of progressive and farsighted men. In November, 1917, Professor Martin organized the Wyoming State Penitentiary Evening School, which he directs with five assistants, sessions being held four evenings a week and pupils range in age from eighteen to sixty years of age. Professor Martin is identified with several organizations which have to do with educational progress. He belongs to the National Education Association, the National Society for the Study of Education, the National Society for Vocational Education and the Wyoming State Teachers' Association. He is president of the Prisoners' Welfare Association of Wyoming.

On the 12th of May, 1901, Professor Martin was married in Putnamville, Indiana, to Miss Pearl McClure, a native of that place and a daughter of William and Ellen (Perry) McClure, representatives of an old Kentucky family of Scotch descent. The father has passed away but the mother is living and makes her home near Putnamville, Indiana. To Professor and Mrs. Martin have been born three sons and three daughters: Paul McClure, who was born in Cloverdale, Indiana, January 15, 1903; Ellen Elizabeth, born in Cloverdale, July 20, 1904; Charles Frederick, born in Greencastle, Indiana, June 4, 1907; Cora Lillian, born in Park City, Utah, December 28, 1908; Mary Beatrice, born in Park City, May

22, 1912; and John William, born on the farm at Putnamville, Indiana, June 9, 1914.

In politics Professor Martin maintains an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment with little regard for party ties. Fraternally he is a Mason, also has membership with the Knights of Pythias and the Sons of Veterans, and he is a consistent and loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is now head of the Boys' Club, a religious dramatic club known as the Knights of the Holy Grail. Professor Martin is one of the products of America's great melting pot. He is only of the second generation in this country, his father having been a native of Italy. Coming to America, however, the father identified his interests with the land of the free, became an active factor in the business life of the community in which he lived, and when his adopted country needed military aid made ready response to her call. His children were thoroughly imbued with the American spirit and Professor Martin has made valuable contribution to American progress along educational lines. His standards of life are high and he holds to advanced ideals in his chosen profession. Continuously and closely studying all those questions which have to do with the preparation of the young for life's practical and responsible duties, he has evolved new ideas and displayed an initiative in methods of instruction that has brought most splendid results and Rawlins is to be congratulated that he stands today at the head of her school system.

WALTER SIEGEL.

Walter Siegel, proprietor of the Lincoln Highway Garage at Green River and filling the office of county commissioner, is thus actively identified with business and public interests and in all that he does or attempts he is actuated by a spirit of progress and advancement.

He was born in Chicago, Illinois, March 6, 1887, and is a son of Carl and Adeline (Dryer) Siegel, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America about the time of the Chicago fire. The father was engaged in the hide business in that city for the firm of Smith & Gaensslen and is still a resident of Chicago but is now living retired at the age of seventy-two years. He was married in New York city to Adeline Dryer, who passed away in 1890 at the age of forty-four years. They had a family of five children: Mrs. Minnie Bennett and Mrs. Martha Bennett, both of whom are residents of Chicago; Walter; Helen, living in Chicago; and Carl, whose home is in Florida.

In his boyhood days Walter Siegel attended the public schools of Chicago and on starting out on his business career secured employment in the works of the International Harvester Company at South Deering, Illinois. He remained with the company for two and a half years, thoroughly learning the machinist's trade, and in 1903 he sought the opportunities of the growing west, making his way to Green River, Wyoming, where he entered into business relations with the Sweetwater Brewing Company. He spent several months there and then engaged in the cattle business, to which he devoted several years. For two years he traveled over the west to the Pacific coast and was employed along engineering lines. He then returned to Wyoming and for one year was connected with the sheep industry. He then turned his attention to the liquor business, in which he engaged for a year, and on the expiration of that period built the Lincoln Highway Garage in 1915 and has since conducted it. This is a well appointed establishment and the excellent work turned out has won for the business a liberal and well deserved patronage.

On the 26th of December, 1912, Mr. Siegel was married to Mrs. Charles Harris, a widow, and a daughter of Thomas Whitmore, who was clerk of the district court of Green River. By her former marriage she had two daughters: Margaret, who was born in Green River in October, 1903; and Lillian, who was

born at Green River in March, 1906, and is attending the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Siegel have become the parents of a son, Tom, born in Green River, December 14, 1915.

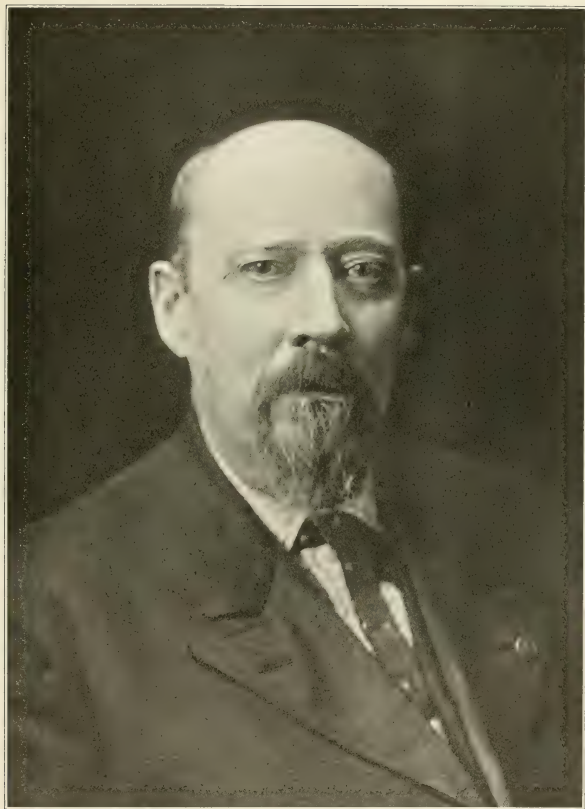
The parents are members of the Episcopal church and fraternally Mr. Siegel is connected with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World. Politically he is a republican, having supported the party since casting his first presidential vote. In 1917 he was chosen county commissioner of Sweetwater county for a two years' term. He has worked his way upward and his business success is the direct result of his labors. He is today at the head of a substantial and growing business and has one of the best equipped garages in the state. His property interests are a monument to his enterprise, perseverance and skill.

TOM WHITMORE.

Tom Whitmore, filling the office of clerk of the district court in Sweetwater county and well known as a popular and highly esteemed resident of Rock Springs, was born in Lake county, Ohio, November 26, 1848. His father, John Whitmore, a native of Connecticut, was a descendant of one of the old families of that state, of Scotch origin. He took up the occupation of farming as a life work and followed that pursuit both in Connecticut and in Illinois. Removing to the west in 1852, he took up his abode in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death there occurring in 1854, when he had reached the age of fifty-eight years. His wife bore the maiden name of Betsey Tisdell. She was born in Connecticut and belonged to one of the old families of that state, of Scotch lineage.

Tom Whitmore is the only surviving member of a family of seven children. He acquired a public school education in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where his early life to the year 1864 was spent upon the home farm. He was then a youth of sixteen years and in response to the country's call for troops he enlisted as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Forty-second Illinois Infantry. He afterward reenlisted as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Fifty-third Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out with the rank of lieutenant in July, 1865. After hostilities had ceased he returned to the north, again taking up his abode in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. Subsequent to the war he also attended school in Chicago for two years, recognizing the value of educational training as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1868 he removed to Cass county, Iowa, at which time the Rock Island Railroad Company had not yet extended its line into that district. He drove overland from Illinois and after reaching Iowa engaged in general merchandising and in the grain business, continuing in that state until 1880. On the 22d of July of that year he arrived in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and became connected with the coal department of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He worked in that way until 1888, when he was elected sheriff of Sweetwater county, which position he occupied through reelection for six years, and later served for two years as deputy sheriff. He then entered the liquor business in Green River and successfully conducted his place until 1915. In 1908 he was elected clerk of the district court and has now served for almost a decade in that position, making an excellent record by the prompt, capable and faithful manner in which he discharges his duties. He votes with the republican party and has always been an active worker in its ranks, doing everything in his power to further its success and secure the adoption of its principles.

In October, 1874, in Cass county, Iowa, Mr. Whitmore was united in marriage to Miss Mary McClure, a native of Indiana, and to them have been born two children: Nellie, the deceased wife of Hugo Gaensslen, president of the



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Green River State Bank, by whom she had four children, Helen, Julia, Alice and Freda; and Lillian, who is the widow of Charles Harris. After losing her first husband, Mrs. Harris became the wife of Walter Siegel, of Green River, and they have one child, Tom Siegel. By her first marriage she had two children, Margaret and Lillian Harris.

Mr. Whitmore is widely and favorably known in Sweetwater county, where he has so long resided and has for so many years filled public office, painstakingly and faithfully performing his onerous and responsible duties.

PAUL KUKOY.

Paul Kukoy, cashier at Cumberland for the Union Pacific Coal Company, was born in Pocahontas, West Virginia, September 22, 1891, a son of Paul and Mary Kukoy, who were natives of Austria. They came to America at an early period and established their home in West Virginia, where the father engaged in mining. Subsequently he removed westward to Wyoming, casting in his lot with the early settlers of the state, and he continued his mining operations in this section of the country up to the time of his death, which occurred in Cumberland in 1902. His widow survives and is yet living in Cumberland. In their family were nine children, of whom Paul was the third in order of birth.

In his boyhood days Paul Kukoy was a pupil in the public schools of Cumberland, mastering the work to the fifth grade, when it became necessary that he provide for his own support and he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Coal Company in a clerical position in the mine office. This was in 1904. He has since been connected with the operations of the company at this place, working his way steadily upward. For two years he was material clerk at Reliance, Wyoming, representing the same company in the mines at that place, after which he returned to Cumberland to assume the duties of material clerk, and he is now acting as cashier and bookkeeper. He has worked his way steadily upward by reason of his fidelity, capability and trustworthiness and he has the entire confidence of the corporation which he represents.

Mr. Kukoy is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. He has served on the school board of Cumberland for the past seven years and is active in advancing the interests of education in this locality. He has also served as clerk to the state mine inspector. Mr. Kukoy is unmarried and makes his home with his mother. The other children of the family were: John, who is now living in New Jersey; Mrs. Mary Willard, a resident of Sublet, Wyoming; Mrs. Julia George, also of Sublet; Stephen, who has departed this life; Joseph, living at Sublet; and Enoch and Ambrose, who are residents of the same place. The mother makes her home at Sublet with the various members of her family save those whose interests have carried them elsewhere. Mr. Kukoy of this review deserves much credit for what he has accomplished as he has worked his way upward since starting out in the business world on his own account and he is now occupying a responsible position at Cumberland.

HUGH J. ROGNER.

Hugh J. Rogner, a photographer manifesting marked ability in the art, has been a resident of Wyoming since 1907. He was born in Saxony, Germany, February 4, 1887, a son of the late Frederick Rogner, who was also a native of that locality, where he spent his entire life. He was a cabinet maker by trade and followed that pursuit until his life's labors were ended in death in 1889, when he was thirty-five years of age. He had married Augustina White, a native of

Germany, who died in that country in 1899, when forty-two years of age. They had a family of six children.

Hugh J. Rogner, the youngest of the family, was educated in the public schools of Germany, supplemented by study in night schools in Cleveland, Ohio, after coming to the new world. He started out to provide for his own support when a youth of thirteen years. His early life had been spent at school until 1900 when he came to America. He made his way to Keokuk county, Iowa, where he engaged in farm work. In 1907 he arrived in Wyoming coming direct to Rawlins, where he took up his abode in the month of September. After reaching this state he was first employed as deputy sheriff of Carbon county, a position which he acceptably filled for three and a half years. During that time he made a very thorough study of the art of photography and in January, 1916, established his present studio, in which connection he has built up a growing and satisfactory business. He pursued his studies under the direction of M. F. Jukes, the pioneer photographer of Rawlins and well known throughout the state. After leaving the sheriff's office Mr. Rogner was employed by Mr. Jukes, under whose direction he continued his studies, and later he went to Salt Lake City, where he was employed by the Shiplers Commercial Photographers, there finishing his training for his profession. Since establishing his present studio he has made continuous progress. He thoroughly understands the scientific principles which underlie the work and is in touch with the latest and most improved processes of photography. He is appreciative of the art side of the business, recognizing the value of light and shade and of other accessories to artistic work. His photographs have found general favor with the public and his patronage has continuously increased.

In his political views Mr. Rogner has always been a democrat since becoming a naturalized American citizen. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He came to America a stranger and had but two dollars upon his arrival. Since that time he has won success through persistent, earnest effort and is today one of the substantial residents of Rawlins.

N. JESSE CONVERSE.

N. Jesse Converse, owner of the Converse building of Laramie and one of the representative business men of the city, was born in Anamosa, Iowa, October 5, 1861, a son of Jesse R. and Mary (Peck) Converse. The father was a native of New York, his birth having occurred in Rensselaerville, while the mother was born at Schenectady, New York. They removed to Iowa in early life and the father enlisted for service in the Civil war in 1861 and was killed in 1863 at Memphis Ridge, Tennessee, while making a charge. The widow was married again in Anamosa, Iowa, to Levi T. Wilcox, who with the family removed to Wyoming, in the summer of 1867, coming by team from Iowa. From Omaha travel was by ox team via the overland route and the family settled about eight miles west of Laramie, on the Big Laramie river. Mrs. Wilcox passed away in Laramie in 1900 at the age of sixty-three years. In their family were three children: Mrs. George B. Gabbott, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, who has passed away; and one who died in infancy.

The youngest member of the family was N. Jesse Converse, who in his boyhood days attended the public schools of Laramie, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. When his textbooks were put aside he began learning the jeweler's trade under the direction of his stepfather, Levi T. Wilcox, and for thirty-six years he was prominently identified with the jewelry business in Laramie, ranking with the leading merchants through more than a third of a century. His establishment, one of the old landmarks, contributed in substantial measure to the commercial development of the city. Mr. Converse also became a director of the First National Bank and was the builder of the Con-

verse building, a modern structure for office and store purposes which was erected in 1910 and is one of the finest business buildings of the state. He has been president of the Laramie Building & Loan Association since 1914 and thus in many ways has contributed to the city's substantial progress.

On the 5th of October, 1887, Mr. Converse was married to Miss Catherine Reynolds, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Reynolds. He ranks with the honored and representative men of Laramie and has figured prominently in various public connections. He is a republican in politics and by popular vote was called to represent his district in the state legislature. He has taken all of the degrees of Masonry and is identified with several other fraternities and he is president of the governing board of the Ivinson Memorial Hospital. His activities have been various, far-reaching and resultant, the city benefiting in substantial manner by his cooperation in all well defined plans and projects for its good. Honored and respected by all, he occupies a most enviable position in financial circles not alone by reason of the success which he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward policy which he has ever followed.

ELMER FLOYD LOVEJOY.

The great west with its boundless opportunities is continually calling to young men of enterprise and ability to utilize her resources and aid in her development and upbuilding. Elmer Floyd Lovejoy was a youth of twelve years when he came with his father to Wyoming, since which time he has made his home in Laramie, where he is now proprietor of the Lovejoy Novelty Works, distributing agents for the southern half of Wyoming for the Franklin cars. Since 1912, Mr. Lovejoy has been sole owner of the Lovejoy Novelty Works, which in addition to the automobile and kindred lines, includes the manufacture and marketing of the Lovejoy Automatic Door Opener, of which Mr. Lovejoy is patentee and sole owner. This device is the only thing of its kind in the country, patented July 30, 1917, and for some time has been in use, leaving no question as to its being thoroughly practical. In these connections Mr. Lovejoy has developed a business of large and gratifying proportions, showing that he has made wise use of his time and talents.

He was born in Lake county, Illinois, February 2, 1872, a son of George W. Lovejoy, who was also born in Illinois and is now a resident of Laramie, where he took up his abode in 1884, casting in his lot with its pioneer settlers. For a number of years he was engaged in the draying business and while in Illinois he followed the occupation of farming, but is now living retired. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Candace Amanda Winters, was also born in Illinois and passed away in the summer of 1872.

Elmer F. Lovejoy, their only child, began his education in the district schools of his native county and completed his studies in the public schools of Laramie and in the University of Wyoming. He was a youth of seventeen when he started out to provide for his own support and since that time has depended entirely upon his own resources for whatever he has achieved and enjoyed. He entered the employ of Cook & Callahan, pioneer contractors and planing mill owners of Laramie, under whose direction he learned the carpenter's trade and also became acquainted with mill work. He followed that line of activity for a number of years or until 1893, when he entered the government mail service, in which he spent one year, carrying the mail under Postmaster Thomas J. Dayton and Postmaster Richard Butler. While thus engaged he also established a general bicycle repair business, which later developed into his present business. He began in a small way and with limited capacity, but from a humble start has developed the largest automobile and general novelty business in Laramie, located at Nos. 412 and 414 South Second street. The plant covers a floor space one hundred and thirty-two by fifty feet and has a storage room of sixty by one hun-



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dred and thirty-two feet. The company employs on an average of six people and the business has now reached gratifying proportions and is steadily growing.

Mr. Lovejoy was married in Cheyenne, Wyoming, August 27, 1895, to Miss Nellie Oakley, a native of Harrison county, Iowa, and a daughter of Peter and Hester (Prater) Oakley, who were early settlers of Harrison county and are still living, both having reached an advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy have one son, Orell, who was born in Laramie, December 23, 1898. Mr. Lovejoy exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and was formerly a member of the city council of Laramie, in which position he served from 1910 until 1914, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many well defined plans and measures for the public good. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he belongs to the Laramie Chamber of Commerce. His life record is indicative of what may be accomplished through determined purpose intelligently directed. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins. Centuries ago an old Greek philosopher said: "Earn thy reward; the gods give nought to sloth." This truth has been verified through all the ages which have run their course to the present time, and with industry that never flags, Elmer Floyd Lovejoy has worked his way upward until in the development of his present business he has won for himself a place among the most progressive representatives of commercial activity in Laramie.

E. J. TRAVIS.

One of the wide-awake and progressive business men of Laramie is E. J. Travis, who is engaged in dealing in lumber and building materials and in general contracting. He is a native son of New England, his birth having occurred in Boston, Massachusetts, July 8, 1878. His father, the late Lewis Travis, was a native of the Old Bay state and a representative of one of the prominent colonial families of English descent founded in America during the early part of the seventeenth century. Representatives of the name fought for independence in the Revolutionary war and again defended American interests in the War of 1812. Representatives of the family in the present generation hold membership with the Colonial Dames and with the Sons of the American Revolution. Lewis Travis, the father, became a prominent lawyer of Boston and continued to make his home in that city until called to his final rest in 1886, when but thirty-eight years of age. His wife bore the maiden name of Florence Vose Kennedy and was born in Waldoboro, Maine, being a descendant of an old Maine family, tracing her ancestry back in direct line to the Winslow family of Connecticut, who were of Mayflower descent. She died in the year 1914, at the age of fifty-nine years.

E. J. Travis, their only son, was educated in the public schools of Boston until about ten years old. In 1888, in company with his maternal grandmother, he came to Wyoming, where his grandfather, Justus R. Kennedy, was then residing on a ranch in Albany county. Here E. J. Travis made his home and acquired a practical knowledge of ranching, until about 1903. In the meantime, or about 1898, he purchased the ranch and conducted it successfully during the remainder of his residence thereon. While yet living on the ranch he also engaged in carpentering and contracting work, to which he gave his entire attention after 1903. In 1910 Mr. Travis established his home in Laramie and entered into his present line of business, in which he has since been actively and successfully engaged. He handles lumber and building materials and also conducts a general contracting business, and at the same time he still manages his ranch. His is a busy and useful life in which activity, intelligently directed, is being crowned with substantial and well merited success.

Mr. Travis was married in Laramie on the 18th of October, 1899, to Miss

Vesta I. Mansfield, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Oliver and Sarah J. (Gamble) Mansfield, representatives of one of the old families of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Travis have become the parents of four children: Florence M., who was born in Laramie, July 23, 1900; Ethel A., born March 16, 1902; Ruth, born May 18, 1904; and Ernest M., December 7, 1907.

Mr. Travis votes with the republican party and is active in politics and civic affairs, standing at all times for those interests and measures which he believes will be of greatest benefit to his community and will most rapidly advance its civic standards. He holds membership with the Loyal Order of Moose and has been one of its vice dictators. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the First Methodist church. His life has ever been guided by high and manly principles and the wise direction of his interests and activities has brought him to a prominent position as a business man and as a citizen. He started out in life anxious to improve his condition, and the success which he has achieved is attributable to his persistency of purpose and his individual worth. His record is proof of the fact that opportunities slip away from the sluggard, tauntingly play before the dreamer but yield their prizes to the man of resolute and determined spirit.

JULIUS J. C. JENSEN.

Julius J. C. Jensen, of Casper, who has made for himself a creditable position at the bar, is a native son of Wisconsin. He was born at Lone Rock, October 31, 1883, a son of Laurits N. P. and Hansine (Hansen) Jensen, both of whom are natives of Denmark. They came to this country in 1878, locating in the state of Wisconsin, and later removed to South Dakota. In 1889 they became residents of Iowa and are now living at Sioux City, that state. They had a family of five children, of whom four are yet living.

Julius J. C. Jensen was six years of age when the family home was established in Iowa, where he began his education, passing through consecutive grades in the common schools until he entered the Sioux City high school, from which he graduated in 1906. He then entered the State University of Iowa and after leaving that institution became connected with the weather bureau of the United States department of agriculture at Washington, D. C. While in that city he entered the law department of the George Washington University, being graduated therefrom in 1915. In 1916 he came to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he was connected with the local office of the weather bureau for about a year. He then resigned his position to take up the profession of law and located at Casper, where he is now accorded a large and distinctively representative clientage. His political endorsement is given to the republican party. He is not anxious for office or public honors, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his professional interests.

REV. JOSEPH CONRATH.

Rev. Joseph Conrath, pastor of St. Joseph's church at Rawlins, Wyoming, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 25, 1876, a son of Philip and Theresa (Schwindt) Conrath, both of whom were natives of Germany. On coming to America they settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, and became well known residents of that city. The father devoted his active business life to tailoring, but in his later years lived retired. He passed away in Cincinnati in 1910, at the age of eighty-four, while his wife died in 1890, at the age of forty-five years. They were the parents of six children, of whom one son is deceased, the others being Charles, Joseph, Caroline, Kate and Sister Carola, who is a teacher in a high school in eastern Minnesota.

In his boyhood days Rev. Joseph Conrath attended the parochial school and later became a student in St. Xavier's College, from which he was graduated in 1899. He then entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary for his theological course, which he completed by graduation with the class of 1902. For six months thereafter he was located at Pueblo, Colorado, and then removed to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he also spent a half year. Since that time he has been continuously located as pastor of St. Joseph's church in Rawlins.

In August, 1916, a most imposing ecclesiastical function was held in Rawlins—the dedication of St. Joseph's church, a new edifice, having been erected at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. A church paper said of the occasion: "It must be regarded as a red letter day in the annals of the Catholic church not only in the city of Rawlins, but also in the state of Wyoming. The Catholic people of Rawlins have now a sacred edifice of which they may feel justly proud. In fact, their new church would reflect credit upon a city of metropolitan proportions. It is built in Roman style of gray buff brick with terra cotta trimmings, and its stately tower, which can be seen from every part of the city, is surmounted by an elaborate cross of copper, of which material the dome of the tower, as well as the gutters, are made. The roof is of red tile and adds immeasurably to the external beauty of the edifice." On the occasion of the dedication Bishop McGovern officiated and special services appropriate to the occasion were held. This was a happy day in the life of Father Conrath which saw the fulfillment of his hopes in regard to his parish, which now has a most splendid house of worship.

He is one of the most popular priests in his diocese and is widely known, doing splendid work among his parishioners in Rawlins, the various branches of the church work being thoroughly organized, while the results achieved are highly gratifying and satisfactory.

HON. WILLIAM H. HAYES.

There is no record that the American public holds in as high honor as that of the self-made man—the one who, though handicapped in youth by lack of advantages, works his way steadily upward and by the force of merit and ability wins success. Such is the record of the Hon. William H. Hayes, now mayor of Laramie, who has made for himself a creditable position in commercial circles and at the same time has been accorded the highest gift within the power of his fellow townsmen to bestow.

He was born in Hillsdale, Columbia county, New York, November 3, 1861, a son of the late Thomas S. Hayes, a native of New York, and a grandson of Hiram and Mary A. (Lee) Hayes both of whom were of English birth. They became the founders of the American branch of the family and on crossing the Atlantic settled in Columbia county, New York. The grandfather there conducted a cotton mill at Red Rock and became a prominent manufacturer of that locality. His son, Thomas S. Hayes, was a shoe merchant in Hillsdale, New York, in his earlier manhood, and in later years became a grain dealer in Brookston, Indiana, where he continued his residence until called to his final rest, passing away November 1, 1916, when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-one years. He was a republican in his political views and filled the office of postmaster in Brookston under President McKinley, serving in that position for two terms. He married Adealia Stickle, a native of Columbia county, New York, and a daughter of William E. and Mary (Sharts) Stickle. Her father was also a representative of one of the old families of the Empire state and he became a successful and prosperous farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Hayes were born three children, two daughters and a son: Lillian A., who is the widow of Edward Pettit, a resident of Brookston, Indiana; Mary E., who is librarian in charge of the Carnegie Library in Brookston; and William H., of this review.

The last named was educated in the public and high schools of Brookston, Indiana, and in the schools of New York. He was nineteen years of age when he left the parental roof and started out to make his way in the world. After being employed for a time by his father in connection with the grain business he became station agent for the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Railroad at Brookston, occupying that position for thirteen years. He also engaged in the real estate and insurance business at that place for ten years and on the 27th of September, 1909, he arrived in Laramie, where he opened a real estate and insurance office, which he has ever since conducted. He has been very successful in handling many important realty transfers and also in writing a large amount of insurance annually. He is thoroughly familiar with local property values, knows what is upon the market and has so directed his efforts as to contribute to the development of the city as well as to his individual success. Aside from his operations in that field he is the secretary of the Laramie Telephone Company.

On the 28th of November, 1889, Mr. Hayes was married in Brookston, Indiana, to Miss Olive S. Brandon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brandon and a representative of one of the old families of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have become parents of a son, William Donn, who is with the Universal Film Company as a successful movie actor. He married Ada Doza and has one son, William Donn, Jr.

Mr. Hayes belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has also taken the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry and of the Mystic Shrine. He is now serving as secretary of Laramie Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M. He is a veteran member of the Knights of Pythias, having been identified with that order for a quarter of a century. He belongs to the First Presbyterian church and is interested in all that pertains to the advancement and moral progress of his community. In politics he is a republican and while a resident of Indiana was very active as a party worker, there filling the office of town chairman of the republican party. In June, 1917, he was chosen mayor of Laramie by a vote of the city council, to succeed G. U. Shoemaker. Mayor Hayes has given the city a businesslike and progressive administration. He has not disappointed the hopes of his friends in this office. He has brought keen discrimination to bear upon all municipal questions and has done everything in his power to further the welfare of the city and uphold the highest civic standards. His record is indeed commendable and all who know him speak of him in terms of high regard.

THOMAS OSBORNE.

Evanston has grown with notable rapidity and has been developed along the most progressive lines in keeping with the ideas of modern city building. Its business houses are substantial and attractive and its commercial enterprises would be a credit to a city of still greater size. Active in this connection is Thomas Osborne, the secretary and treasurer of the Evanston Drug Company.

He was born in New Brunswick, July 8, 1874, and in 1911 he arrived in Evanston, Wyoming, where he took charge of the business of the Evanston Drug Company. A year later he purchased an interest in the business and afterward became half owner of the Evanston Drug Company, of which he is now secretary and treasurer, with F. H. Harrison as the president. They have a large and well appointed store, tastefully and neatly arranged, and they carry an excellent stock of drugs and druggists' sundries. Their business methods are thoroughly reliable and their enterprise has brought to them a constantly growing success.

On the 1st of June, 1914, Mr. Osborne was united in marriage to Miss Julia M. Foght, of Evanston, a daughter of Emil J. Foght, of Washington, D. C.

In his political views Mr. Osborne is independent and does not wish to be bound by party ties but exercises his right of franchise in support of men and measures that he believes are most beneficial to the community. He does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business interests, and the Evanston Drug Company, of which he is the manager, secretary and treasurer, has become one of the foremost corporations operating in this line in western Wyoming. In the undertaking he is associated with Dr. F. H. Harrison. They have a splendid store—one of the cleanest and best kept pharmacies to be found anywhere in the western country. It is a credit to its manager and is a business enterprise of value to the community in which it is located.

Mr. Osborne is a thorough believer in the opportunities that Wyoming offers to young men and says that the state holds out greater possibilities for the man with determination and enterprise than can be found in any other section of the country. He believes that the work of utilizing its natural resources has scarcely been begun and that with their development the state will continue to grow and expand in its trade relations. With this belief he has accordingly identified his interests with those of Evanston and ranks with the valued and representative merchants of western Wyoming.

HON. ANDY NELSON.

Hon. Andy Nelson, one of the well known men operating successfully in connection with the sheep industry in Wyoming, is a man of genuine worth whose high standard of citizenship has often been demonstrated and who at all times is loyal to the best interests of the community. He was born March 14, 1868, at Snorestad, Sweden, a son of a well-to-do farmer. He acquired a common school education and declined to take advantage of higher educational opportunities that his parents desired to give him. His inclination was more for business than books and he chose to take up the trade of a wagon maker, which he followed during the time he remained in his native country. When a young man of twenty-four years he had a substantial little sum of money and decided to go to America. He left Sweden in March, 1892, for the United States, landing at New York. He made Wyoming his destination and reached this state in due course of time. He was not long in securing employment as a section hand at Fort Steele in the service of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He followed that work for two years and then went upon the ranch of Frank Stockwell on Pass creek. He worked at his trade there for about three years and in the fall of 1897 he turned his attention to the sheep business, entering into partnership with Louis Tichon with a foundation flock of about twenty-five hundred sheep. After about a year Mr. Tichon sold his interest to Harry Northup, and after continuing for a while with the latter, Mr. Nelson in the fall of 1899 disposed of his interest in the business. In the spring of 1900 he became a partner in the sheep business of the Robert Jones estate and later he was made a trustee of that estate for the minor heirs and had the general management of the extensive interests connected therewith. He subsequently purchased the business and about 1916 he entered into partnership with Herman Peterson in the firm of Andy Nelson & Company, with headquarters at Walcott. In this connection their extensive sheep interests have since been conducted.

On the 27th of June, 1916, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage in Aspen, Colorado, to Miss Jarda Peterson, of Leadville, that state. In politics Mr. Nelson is widely known, being regarded as one of the leading republicans in Carbon county, where his popularity and the confidence reposed in him by the people have been demonstrated by his strength on election day. Many times he declined to become a candidate for office but finally accepted the nomination for representative to the state legislature and was elected by a vote that attested the



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high regard in which he is uniformly held; and still further evidence of his personal popularity, the confidence of the public and his worth as an official was given in his reelection to the general assembly.

Mr. Nelson was made a Mason in Rawlins, where he also belongs to the chapter and commandery, while at Cheyenne he has membership in the Mystic Shrine. He has also taken the degrees of the Scottish as well as of the York Rite and he is a member of the Eastern Star. He belongs also to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Nelson has made three trips to Europe, crossing once on the ill-fated *Lusitania*. In 1916 he took up his residence at Walcott, where he erected a most attractive home supplied with modern conveniences, including an excellent water system which supplies an abundance of pure soft water—a system that is unexcelled in any private home of the state. Mr. Nelson has been a very successful business man and in the sheep industry, to which he has directed his activities for more than twenty years, he is one of the best known men of the state. He possesses great energy and, as some one has expressed it, "his large physique does not contain a lazy muscle." Progressive in every way, he became associated with others in the building of the Australian shearing pens at Walcott and he has kept abreast with modern progress in everything pertaining to his business. He is extremely modest in spirit and demeanor, is always sincere and ever courageous in the support of his honest convictions. He is kind-hearted, ready to do a favor and is a man whose judgment carries weight with the public in almost every matter.

H. D. BEEMER.

Without special advantages at the outset of his career, H. D. Beemer has worked his way steadily upward in business connections and is today one of the substantial citizens of Laramie, where he is engaged in dealing in paints and oils. He is otherwise connected with the business development of his adopted city, being one of the directors of the First National Bank. He stands at all times for progress and improvement and gives his aid and cooperation to all movements for the general good.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Newton township, Luzerne county, August 29, 1849, a son of Elias and Phebe (Albright) Beemer, the former a native of New Jersey, while the latter was born in Binghamton, New York. Removing to Pennsylvania, the father settled in Newton township, Luzerne county, near Scranton, being one of the early residents of that locality. He took up his abode upon a farm and devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits, spending his remaining days in that locality. He passed away in Newton township in 1906, after reaching the venerable age of ninety years. During the period of the Civil war he served as one of the Home Guard. His wife also died on the old homestead farm, passing away in 1908, after reaching the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey. In their family were seven children.

H. D. Beemer was the fourth in order of birth. During his boyhood days he became a pupil in the little country schoolhouse near his father's home in Newton township, Luzerne county, which he attended for several terms. He afterward concentrated his entire attention upon farm work and early became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was thus employed until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he decided to learn a trade and took up the business of carriage painting with William Blume & Company, under whom he served a four years' apprenticeship. In 1874 he made his way to Omaha, Nebraska, and immediately secured employment in the car shops of the Union Pacific Railroad, where he remained for a year. In 1875 he was sent by the railroad company to Laramie and for a time remained in the railroad service. At length, however, he decided to embark in business on his own account. Laramie was steadily growing, new buildings and

residences were continually being erected and he felt that he might engage in some profitable line of business having to do with the substantial growth of the city. He therefore opened a paint house and has since been engaged in dealing in paints, oils and kindred lines. He has now been active in this field for forty years and is regarded as one of the most reliable as well as one of the oldest merchants of the city. He entered that field when Laramie was a small town and his business has developed with its growth, making him one of the prosperous merchants of the city. He has also been identified with the First National Bank for eighteen years as one of its directors and is regarded as a man of sound judgment, keen sagacity and unfaltering enterprise.

In 1885 Mr. Beemer was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Ensor, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, a daughter of Columbus Ensor. Her father died soon after the Civil war from a wound sustained in battle. Mr. Beemer has been tendered various offices of public trust by his fellow townsmen who recognize his worth and ability, yet many of these he has declined. He has served, however, for one term as city treasurer of Laramie and for four terms occupied the position of city councilman, exercising his official prerogatives in support of plans and measures for the general good. He has also been a director of the Carnegie Library. Fraternally he is well known as an exemplary Mason, having taken the degrees of the York Rite, and with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is also a charter member of the Elks lodge of Laramie and is prominent in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has taken various degrees and is a past grand sovereign. He belongs to the little group of distinctively representative business men who have been the pioneers in inaugurating and building up the chief interests of this section of the state.

JOHN D. CONTOS.

John D. Contos, proprietor of the Pure White Bakery of Rawlins, established business in 1910 and is today at the head of one of the leading bakeries of the city. Thorough training for the work, excellent equipment in his establishment, indefatigable enterprise in the conduct of his business and thorough reliability in his trade relations have constituted the salient points in his growing prosperity.

Mr. Contos is a native of Greece. He was born October 20, 1884, and is a son of James Contos, who lived and died in Tripolis, Greece. He was a successful farmer and passed away in 1900, at the age of forty-eight years. His wife bore the maiden name of Demtro Soteropulon and also spent her entire life in Greece.

John D. Contos was the second in order of birth in their family of seven children. He pursued his education in the schools of his native country and when a youth of fifteen made his initial step in the business world, entering upon an apprenticeship to the baker's trade, which he followed in his native country until 1902, when he determined to try his fortune in the new world. Crossing the Atlantic to America, he first made his way to Chicago but in 1904 came to Wyoming, settling in Rawlins. For a time he abandoned his trade, being employed as a section foreman on the Union Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Rawlins. He continued in the railway service for four years and was also employed in the shops at Rawlins, serving altogether for nine years with that company. He then entered his present business, for it was his desire to control his own destiny and he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to establish a bakery. This he has since successfully conducted, covering a period of more than seven years, and through the interim his trade has steadily increased. He now employs two bakers and he has a large trade, his business having proved a satisfactory investment from the beginning. He holds to high standards in the

excellence of his products, maintains sanitary conditions in the conduct of the bakery and well merits the big business which is accorded him.

In Ogden, Utah, in 1914, Mr. Contos was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hohman, a native of Nebraska. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he became a naturalized American citizen in 1915. He arrived in the new world a poor boy but he possessed energy and ambition and recognized the fact that in America labor is king. Working his way steadily upward, he has by reason of his close application and untiring energy made for himself a creditable position in commercial circles and is today one of Rawlins' respected and valued citizens.

JOSIAH PRESTON MARKLEY, M. D.

Dr. Josiah Preston Markley, actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Laramie, entered upon his professional career well equipped by thorough preliminary training and throughout the intervening period he has kept in close touch with the trend of modern progress and scientific thought and investigation through wide reading and study. He is thus well qualified to perform the onerous and responsible duties which devolve upon him in his efforts to check the ravages of disease and restore health.

A native son of Pennsylvania, he was born in Schwenksville, Montgomery county, January 13, 1879. His father, Josiah S. Markley, is also a native of the Keystone state and a representative of one of its old families of Dutch descent. The family was founded in America by three brothers, and the progenitor of the Pennsylvania branch was William Markley, who on removing to that state settled at Skippack, where he followed the occupation of farming, there taking up his abode about 1665. The family name was originally spelled Maerkel. Among his descendants were those who participated in the Revolutionary war, and others have been very prominent and active in connection with state and national politics and as workers in the church. From the earliest period the representatives of the name have been communicants of the Lutheran church. Josiah S. Markley devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and was very successful in the conduct of his farming interests. He is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of a well spent life, his home being in Schwenksville. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he has taken quite an active interest in local politics and civic affairs. He married Hannah Ann Keeley, a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent. She died March 13, 1910, at the age of sixty-seven years. In the family were nine children, six of whom are living.

Dr. Josiah P. Markley, of this review, was the eighth in order of birth. Spending his youthful days in his native state, he pursued his education in the public and high schools of Schwenksville and was graduated from the Keystone State Normal School of Pennsylvania at Kutztown in the year 1902. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm, where he early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, but he did not desire to make agriculture his life work, and following his graduation turned his attention to the educational field and began teaching in the rural schools of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He completed his educational work as principal of the Carbon Hill school of Carbon, Illinois, where he devoted five and a half years to teaching. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to other professional labor and after leaving Carbon he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he pursued his medical course, being graduated with the M. D. degree in 1908. Following his graduation he served as interne in the Howard Hospital and then entered upon the active practice of medicine at Blandburg, Pennsylvania, where he continued for three and a half years. He then returned to the University of Pennsylvania and devoted a year to post-graduate

study, making a specialty of the diseases of women and of abdominal work. He then removed to the west, settling in Laramie, where he arrived on the 1st of February, 1912, and since that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in practice in this state. For the first two years he was associated with Dr. H. L. Stevens, but since that time has practiced independently, specializing largely in surgery and in diseases of women, along which lines he displays notable skill and ability. He belongs to the Albany County Medical Society, the Wyoming State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and of the first named he is now secretary.

On the 3d of September, 1908, Dr. Markley was united in marriage at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Miss Ethel Louise Grimes, a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of William Alfred and Bertha (Schmidt) Grimes, both of whom have passed away. Her paternal grandfather was of German birth and was a clergyman of the Lutheran church. Dr. and Mrs. Markley have one child, John Marlin, who was born in Philadelphia, November 11, 1911.

Dr. Markley is prominently known in fraternal circles. He has taken the degrees in the lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory in Masonry and is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He was formerly scribe of the chapter and junior warden of the Knight Templar Commandery. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the St. Matthews Episcopal church.

He is interested in all those forces which work for the uplift of the individual and the betterment of the community, but necessarily has to give the major part of his attention to his profession, and in a calling where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit and ability he has worked his way steadily upward. He is the author of two publications on physiology and it was the proceeds from the sale of these that provided him the means for his education. He has become thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the west, with no desire to return to the east, and Laramie finds in him a most loyal and progressive citizen, while in professional circles his high standing is indicated by the regard of his colleagues and contemporaries.

ALBERT C. BECKWITH.

Albert C. Beckwith is numbered among the successful business men of Sheridan, Wyoming, where for a number of years he has been the owner of a realty agency and a live stock and general commission business. The more credit is due him as he has attained to an important position in the commercial life of his city entirely through his own efforts and while thus winning prosperity for himself has also largely contributed to the upbuilding of his community and to general commercial development.

Albert C. Beckwith was born in Ohio, August 4, 1866, and is a son of Sidney and Dilda (Rose) Beckwith, natives of Ohio, in which state both passed their entire lives. Mr. Beckwith of this review was their only child and he was reared and educated in his native state, where he remained until fifteen years of age, when, following the advice of Greeley, he made for the west and in 1881 came to Wyoming. An uncle, A. C. Beckwith, had preceded him to this state and had become one of the noted men of Wyoming, and with him Albert C. Beckwith made his home, during which period he was connected with railroad work for a number of years. In 1898 he came to Sheridan with the view of engaging in the real estate business. He was successful in launching his enterprise and his business has since grown to most gratifying proportions. He not only handles land but also live stock and, moreover, does a general commission business. He



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is well acquainted with local realty values, which he has closely studied, and his advice is sought by many of his patrons, who respect his keen judgment.

In 1888, in Los Angeles, California, Mr. Beckwith married Miss Hertha Peterson, a native of Wisconsin. There was no issue of this marriage and after nearly twenty years of happy married life Mrs. Beckwith passed away in 1907, her remains being interred in Mount Hope cemetery, Sheridan. Mrs. Beckwith was very popular and had many friends in Sheridan, her death not only causing deep sorrow to the bereaved husband, but to the many who during her life came to appreciate her high qualities of character.

His political affiliations connect Mr. Beckwith with the republican party, but although he has fulfilled his duties as a citizen and voter he has not been desirous of public office, his private interests claiming the greater part of his time and attention. However, he has not concentrated to the exclusion of everything else upon gaining prosperity for himself alone, but in many ways has cooperated with others in measures which have proven of public benefit to his city. In fact, by means of his business he has contributed toward the growth of Sheridan and in this connection has had a stimulating influence upon business activities here. His was the first real estate and commission business in the city and he therefore has the honor of being the pioneer in his line.

HON. JACOB WAECKERLIN.

Hon. Jacob Waeckerlin, police judge of Rawlins, was born in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, September 19, 1860. His parents were also natives of the land of the Alps, where the father died during the infancy of his son Jacob, and the mother, Mrs. Hilda Waeckerlin, also passed away in that country.

In early life Jacob Waeckerlin was apprenticed to the cabinetmaker's trade and at the age of twenty years he left home to come to America. In April, 1880, he located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he learned the baker's trade, remaining in that city for about two years. He then secured a position as baker on one of the steamers plying between Cincinnati and Louisville on the Ohio river. He continued in that position for three years and later he was employed at the baker's trade in St. Louis and in Omaha. In 1887 he arrived in Rawlins and secured a position as baker in the Union Pacific Hotel, there remaining for a year, at the end of which time he started out in the restaurant business, conducting his establishment for seven years. He then sold out at a good profit and opened a bakery and confectionery store, which he still conducts, being thus actively identified with the commercial interests of the city. Since making his initial step in the business world in Switzerland his course has been marked by continuous progress, resulting from laudable ambition, close application and indefatigable energy. He holds to the highest standards in the manufacture of his product, and the excellence of the output is the basic element of his growing trade.

In 1889 Mr. Waeckerlin was married to Miss Mary Ellen Mackin, who was born in Liverpool, England, and became a resident of Rawlins in 1886. They have two children: Doris Loraine, who was born in Rawlins, March 19, 1898, and is a graduate of the high school; and Carl John, who was born March 16, 1902, and is now a high school pupil.

Fraternal Judge Waeckerlin is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he served as justice of the peace from 1905 until 1909. The excellent record which he made during that period led to his reelection to the office in 1915 and he served until 1917. Since 1914 he has been police judge and has been most fair and impartial in his decisions, his record receiving the endorsement of all broad-minded citizens. He stands very high in public regard by reason of his upright life and his devotion to the general welfare.

In a business way his record is equally commendable, for he has worked upward by reason of his individual ability, yet his path has never been strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes. As the years have gone on he has made judicious investment and is today the owner of considerable real estate in Rawlins, from which he derives a substantial annual rental. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in return for the advantages which have been his he renders to his adopted country unqualified allegiance.

WILLIAM ROGERS.

William Rogers, who is occupying the position of deputy assessor in Sweet-water county, was born in South Wales, December 4, 1862. His father came to America with his family in 1869 and located at Bevier, Missouri. There he engaged in coal mining to the time of his death, which was the result of an accident in the mines, he being but thirty-nine years of age when, on the 16th of August, 1878, his life's labors were ended. In early manhood he had wedded Mary Jones, a native of Wales, who came to America in the fall of 1871 to join her husband, who had previously made preparations for a home for his family. She, too, passed away in Bevier, having reached the age of sixty-seven years when death called her on the 28th of March, 1908.

William Rogers was the second in order of birth in a family of eight children, six of whom are yet living, two having died in infancy. He pursued his education in the public schools of Bevier, Missouri, and in St. James Military Academy, where he studied under Bishop Tolbert, of the Episcopal denomination. He started out to earn his own livelihood when a youth of thirteen years by working in the mines, his first employment being that of a trapper, his duties being the opening and shutting of doors in the main lines, and for his work he received a wage of seventy-five cents per day. Previous to this time, however, he had earned the munificent sum of a dollar per month by lighting the fires in the schoolhouse and sweeping out the schoolroom. After the death of his father he became the head and sole support of the family and continued to follow mining in Missouri until 1890. In that year he removed to Wyoming, first settling at Rock Springs, where he was employed in the old No. 1 mine by the Union Pacific Coal Company. He there remained for eleven years, during which time he also followed other pursuits. He became one of the prominent and influential residents of the community and was called upon to serve as a member of the school board, while for five years he was clerk of the board. In January, 1902, he removed with his family to Green River to accept the position of county treasurer under appointment, and later he was elected to the position for two consecutive terms. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth and ability, afterward endorsed him for the position of postmaster of Green River and he served during the administrations of Presidents Roosevelt and Taft and for two years under the administration of President Wilson. On the 1st of February, 1907, he assumed the duties of the position and continued to act in that capacity until the 1st of February, 1915, covering exactly eight years. He is now acting as deputy assessor of the county and has made a most creditable record as a public official. Aside from his duties in this connection he is known in business circles as one of the directors of the First National Bank of Green River and as a member of the Green River Mercantile Company, of which he is the secretary.

At Bevier, Missouri, December 7, 1887, Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Isabella Pierce, a native of North Wales and a daughter of Samuel C. and Sarah Pierce. The father is deceased, but the mother makes her home in Brookfield, Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have been born three children: Eve, the

wife of Frank J. Viox, a representative of an old pioneer family of Green River; Thomas E., who is cashier of the State Bank of Green River; and Sarah.

Fraternally Mr. Rogers is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has been a representative for twenty-eight years. He is most loyal to its purposes and its teachings and has many friends among his brethren of that organization. Mr. Rogers is truly a self-made man and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He was early thrown upon his own resources and had to provide not only for his support but also for the support of the family. He was present at the time his father was killed in the mine, being within ten feet of him when the cave-in occurred. It is a recognized fact that under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of necessity the best and strongest in man is brought out and developed. This was evidenced in the case of Mr. Rogers, who resolutely set himself to the task which confronted him and as the years went on made for himself a most creditable position in business circles. He has eagerly grasped the opportunities which have come to him and yet his path has never been strewn with the wreck of other men's fortunes. He has been thoroughly just in all of his dealings and as a public official has made an excellent record by the prompt and faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties.

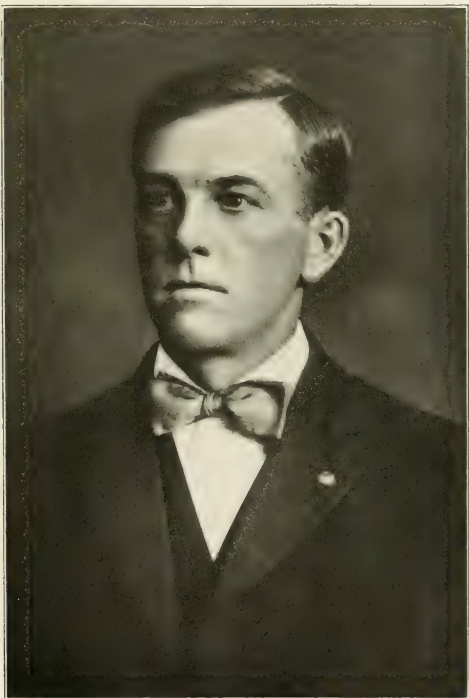
THOMAS E. ROGERS.

Thomas E. Rogers, cashier of the State Bank of Green River and one of the progressive young business men of the city, was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming, October 3, 1894, a son of William Rogers, whose sketch is given above. With the removal of the family to Green River Thomas E. Rogers became a pupil in the public schools of this city and following his graduation from high school started out in the business world as an employe of the Union Pacific Railway Company, working along clerical lines for eighteen months. He afterward obtained a position in the Green River State Bank, which is the First National Bank, and prior to leaving that institution had worked his way upward to the position of assistant cashier. He continued with the bank for eighteen months and for the past year and a half he has filled the position of cashier in the State Bank of Green River, now acting in that capacity. He is a courteous and obliging official, doing everything in his power to further the welfare of the institution which he represents and at the same time doing everything possible to safeguard the interests of depositors. He is alert and energetic and as the years have gone by has made for himself a most creditable place in financial circles. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has voted with the republican party. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church. His life is actuated by high and honorable principles and those who know him esteem him highly. His circle of friends is constantly growing as the circle of his acquaintance widens.

FRANK THEODORE CUMMINGS.

Frank Theodore Cummings, of Douglas, is filling the position of deputy county engineer of Converse county and is also engaged in the private practice of his profession. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 24th of May, 1878, and is a son of Thomas Jefferson and Lulu (Switzler) Cummings. The latter was a daughter of a Civil war colonel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Cummings have passed away and the five daughters of the family have also departed this life, leaving Frank T. Cummings as the only survivor of the family.

In the public schools Mr. Cummings began his education, pursuing his studies



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through the elementary grades in Sedalia, Missouri, while later he became a high school pupil in St. Louis, Missouri. It was his grandfather who laid out the city of Sedalia. After leaving school he entered upon his business career, making his initial step in commercial circles as an employe of the firm of Butler Brothers in St. Louis. He was also connected with the postoffice in that city for a time and the year 1898 witnessed his arrival in Wyoming. He made his way to Laramie, where he took up his abode in September, and later he visited various parts of the state. In April, 1899, he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in connection with the bridge and building department and was employed in bridge building between North Platte and Ogden, Utah, until May, 1904. He then became a rodman in the office of the division engineer at Cheyenne under W. H. Peterson and gradually worked his way upward in that branch of the service to the position of assistant engineer, in which capacity he continued until he resigned in December, 1910. He then went to Rock River as engineer for the Rock Creek Conservation Company, being engaged in that connection on a big irrigation project for about six years, or until September, 1916, when he established his home at Douglas and formed a partnership with L. C. Bishop for the private practice of civil engineering. He had mastered his profession through private study and through experience and he is now well qualified to undertake most important civil engineering projects, finding ready solution for involved and intricate problems.

In May, 1905, Mr. Cummings was united in marriage to Miss Genevieve M. Pawson, a native of Michigan. In his political views Mr. Cummings is a democrat, giving to the party stalwart and consistent support. He served while at Rock River as a member of the city council and as mayor. In Masonic circles he is widely known as an exemplary representative of the craft. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. His wife is an active worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and is superintendent of the anti-narcotic department. They are both highly esteemed in the community where they reside and have won an extensive circle of friends in eastern Wyoming. Mr. Cummings has developed high professional skill and power and ranks with the leading civil engineers in his section of the state.

LEVOY A. WOODWARD.

Levoy A. Woodward is senior partner in the firm of Woodward & Hinkey, proprietors of the Cokeville Opera House. He is also engaged in the wholesale and retail liquor business, having the oldest establishment of the kind in his city and enjoying the largest patronage.

He was born in Omaha, Nebraska, December 13, 1885, a son of the late Frank Woodward, a native of that state and a representative of one of its old families. The father was for years a locomotive engineer, following that business to the time of his death, which resulted from an accident. He married Jennie Annis, a native of Iowa, who is living in Cokeville.

Levoy A. Woodward was their only child. He and his mother came to Cokeville in 1889, when he was a little lad of but four summers, and in the public schools he pursued his early education, while later he attended the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute, in which he spent three years as a student, and for one year he continued his studies in Logan, Utah. When twenty years of age he started out to provide for his own support and has since been dependent entirely upon his own efforts. He was first employed at clerking with the Cokeville Mercantile Company and later was with the firm of Cosgriff Brothers. He then entered business on his own account, after the death of his stepfather, W. H. Wyman, conducting the wholesale and retail liquor business which had been established and carried on by Mr. Wyman. This is today the oldest enterprise

of the kind in Cokeville, having been founded in 1897, and the trade is bringing to the owner a substantial annual income. In addition to his other interests Mr. Woodward is conducting the Cokeville Opera House, which is the leading place of amusement in the city. It has a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty, there is an elevated floor and the equipment is thoroughly modern and attractive. Opera chairs have been provided and the place is lighted by electricity and equipped with steam heat. Here are shown high class pictures, the best artists on the screen being here introduced.

On the 17th of May, 1910, Mr. Woodward was united in marriage at Paris, Idaho, to Miss Jennie Bourne, a daughter of John and Mary Jane (Stewart) Bourne, who were pioneer settlers of Idaho. The mother has passed away but the father is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Woodward has been born a son, Harold Levoy, whose birth occurred in Cokeville, February 4, 1913.

In politics Mr. Woodward is a republican and is one of the active supporters of the party in this locality, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. He has filled the office of town clerk and is now serving as a member of the town council. He is interested in all civic matters and does everything in his power to advance the welfare and growth of his city. Fraternally he is connected with the Loyal Order of Moose at Kemmerer and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Rock Springs. His military record covers one year's training at Logan. He is an alert and energetic business man, giving close attention to his interests, and his success is due to his close application, persistency of purpose and capable management.

HON. ARTHUR W. SIMS.

Hon. Arthur W. Sims, police justice and district court commissioner residing at Evanston, was born May 20, 1852, in Devonport, England, a son of the late Samuel Sims, who was a native of Bath, England and who devoted his life to the business of merchant tailoring. He always remained a resident of his native country and there passed away in 1876, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Clara I. Luke, died in Devonport, England, in 1887. They had a family of thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters, of whom Arthur W. was the eldest.

Educated in the commercial schools of England, Arthur W. Sims started out to provide for his own support when a youth of seventeen years and entered upon an apprenticeship to the merchant tailor's trade. In 1870, at the age of eighteen years he bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the United States, believing that he might have better business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic. He located in New York but on account of unsatisfactory trade conditions in that city was obliged to secure employment other than in the line of his trade. He worked in a barber shop, learning the business, and continued in New York for eight years. In 1878, however, he removed to the west and on the 10th of September, 1878, became a resident of the little city of Evanston, having friends and relatives here. He immediately opened a barber shop and conducted the business successfully for eighteen years, building up a trade of substantial proportions. While thus engaged he also became interested in the cattle business and later took up sheep raising. In both of these lines he developed fairly large interests and in later years his business of that character has been conducted by his sons. His ranch is located in Uinta county and the business has been carried steadily forward, bringing to him a substantial measure of prosperity.

In New York, in 1871, Mr. Sims was united in marriage to Miss Annie Blight, a native of England, and they became the parents of four children: Arthur Sidney; Walter R.; Elsie B., the wife of John Hunt, of Jerome, Idaho; and Clara, the wife of William E. McClellan, residing in Jerome, Idaho. The

wife and mother passed away in Evanston, at the age of thirty-eight years, and in 1886 Mr. Sims was married in Evanston to Miss Charlotte Young, a native of England. There has been one child of the second marriage, Charlotte M., the wife of James Sim, living in Evanston.

Politically Mr. Sims is a republican and has always taken an active interest in the work of the party and in civic matters. He has served as justice of the peace for twelve years, from 1905 until 1916 inclusive, and has been police judge for the past thirteen years. Fraternally Mr. Sims is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has served as treasurer of the local lodge. He is identified with the Church of the Latter-Day Saints and is interested in all those forces which work for the upbuilding and development of the community and for the advancement of its best interests. He is a self-made man who on landing in New York had in his possession but twenty dollars. He was an entire stranger in this country and depended upon his own resources for advancement. Industry, determination, perseverance and fidelity to every duty have been strong elements in his advancement and today he is one of the valued and respected citizens of western Wyoming.

THEODORE B. TORJUSON, M. D.

Dr. Theodore B. Torjusion, a physician and surgeon successfully practicing at Lovell, was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on the 18th of November, 1882, a son of Bert and Theresa (Lund) Torjusion. The father was a native of Norway and came to the United States in young manhood, making his way to Illinois, where he married Theresa Lund, who was born in that state. For many years the father engaged in merchandising and in 1875 removed westward to Denver, Colorado, where he conducted business until 1878. He then became a resident of St. Joseph, Missouri, where he remained until 1893, and then went to Chicago. In 1895 he became a resident of Omaha, Nebraska, and in 1912 took up his abode in Lovell, where he is now living retired, enjoying a rest which he has truly earned and richly merits, having led a most active, busy and useful life.

Dr. Torjusion was educated in the public schools of St. Joseph, Missouri, and of Chicago and later attended the high school at Omaha, Nebraska, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. He afterward spent three years as an employe in the Omaha National Bank and on the expiration of that period entered upon the fulfillment of what had been to him a lifelong hope, that of studying medicine. In the fall of 1905 he matriculated in the Creighton Medical College of Omaha, from which he received his professional degree as a member of the class of 1909. He afterward served as interne in St. Joseph's Hospital of Omaha in 1909 and 1910, thus gaining broad and valuable practical experience. During the latter year he was appointed house surgeon to the Douglas County Hospital at Omaha and thus in both connections gained that broad training which can never be as quickly secured in any other way as through hospital practice. In September, 1911, he came to Wyoming, settling in Lovell, and during the intervening period of six years he has built up an extensive practice, covering a wide range of country. In the spring of 1916 he established the Lovell Hospital in order to better handle the surgical cases which come to him. The institution is splendidly equipped according to modern ideas and the work being done is attended with excellent results.

Dr. Torjusion belongs to Absarokee Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M.; Powell Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; and Lovell Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., and enjoys the warm regard and friendship of his brethren of these fraternities. He also belongs to the Northwestern Wyoming Medical Society, of which he was one of the founders, and he is a member of the American Medical Association. He is recognized as one of the skilled practitioners of northwestern Wyoming, both



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in internal medicine and in major surgery. He was for years the only surgeon doing major surgery in this section of the state, covering that period when a physician must be a most resourceful and all round man. Many times there would come a hurry call from a distance and he would find a patient suffering from an aggravated case of appendicitis or other serious trouble which required the immediate use of the surgeon's knife, and being many miles from any town and frequently from any habitation, there was no chance of obtaining assistance, and all responsibility therefore rested upon him. Such a frontier home would have no equipment to aid him at all and with what means he could summon he would have to depend upon his surgical skill to save the patient. The hardships which the pioneer physician and surgeon is called upon to endure are many, but Dr. Torjusen has never faltered in the faithful performance of his duties, being most conscientious at all times, a steady hand, a cool nerve and a thorough understanding of the component parts of anatomy constituting the basic elements of his splendid surgical work.

EDWIN F. BENNETT.

Edwin F. Bennett is the proprietor of the J. A. Bennett Hardware Company at Rawlins and throughout his entire life has been identified with Wyoming's interests, his birth having occurred in Laramie on the 10th of February, 1877. His father, J. A. Bennett, was a native of Kentucky and a representative of one of the pioneer families of that state. The great-grandfather of Edwin F. Bennett was an extensive planter and slaveholder of Kentucky, settling within the borders of that state when the work of development and progress seemed scarcely begun there. J. A. Bennett was reared and educated in Kentucky and in early life learned the tinner's trade. Removing to the west, he cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Laramie, where he took up his abode in 1876. There he conducted one of the early hardware and tinware establishments of the city, remaining in the business for eight years. In 1884 he removed to Rawlins, where he organized the J. A. Bennett Hardware Company, continuing active in the business until his life's labors were ended in death in January, 1906, when he was in the seventieth year of his age. In politics he had always been a staunch republican, doing everything in his power to secure the success of his party. That his fellow townsmen had confidence in his ability and in his public spirit is indicated in the fact that he was called by popular suffrage to the offices of county coroner and of justice of the peace, serving in the latter position for a number of years. He made an excellent justice, being fair and impartial in his decisions, so that his course won high commendation. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Alice Fowler, was a native of Ireland and came to America with her father in young girlhood, the family home being established in Ohio. She was married in Havana, Illinois, to J. A. Bennett and they became the parents of seven children, six of whom are yet living, while five of the number are residents of Rawlins.

Edwin F. Bennett was the third in point of age. He was educated in the public schools of Rawlins and following his graduation from the high school he entered his father's employ and was associated with him in business until his father's death. He has since purchased and conducted the business on his own account and is today the pioneer merchant of Rawlins. He has a large and well appointed establishment, carrying an extensive line of shelf and heavy hardware, and his reasonable prices, his honorable dealing and his efforts to please his patrons are the salient features in his growing success.

On the 3d of August, 1905, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Roberts, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Roberts, who were early settlers of Rawlins, the father conducting the

Rawlins Stock Yards. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have become the parents of two daughters: Winifred Kathryn, who was born in Rawlins, August 15, 1909; and Cecil Alice, born March 12, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful interest. He is serving as one of its trustees and he is also the president and manager of the Rawlins General Hospital. He is interested in all those forces which work for the benefit of the community and the uplift of the individual and in his life he exemplifies the spirit of the Masonic fraternity, of which he is a representative. He likewise holds membership with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political endorsement is given to the republican party but he has never sought nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon business affairs, which he is wisely and carefully conducting. It is true that he entered upon a business already established but many a man of less resolute spirit would have failed to carry it forward to successful completion. He has met competition by honorable methods and has put forth every possible effort to please his patrons, recognizing the fact that satisfied customers are the best advertisement. Public opinion classes him with the representative citizens and valued merchants of his community, his influence always being on the side of progress along material, intellectual, social, political and moral lines.

J. D. LEWELLEN, M. D.

Dr. J. D. Lewellen, actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Powell was born in South Carolina, on the 6th of December, 1872, a son of Jesse B. and Hester A. (Timmons) Lewellen. The father was a native of North Carolina, while the mother was born in South Carolina.

J. D. Lewellen was graduated on the completion of a course in the Medical College of South Carolina in 1898 and continued in South Carolina in practice until 1907. He then removed to Brigham, Utah, where he remained until 1910, when he came to Powell, Wyoming. He belongs to the Wyoming State Medical Society, the Northwestern Wyoming Medical Society and to the American Medical Association and he is deeply interested in all that has to do with professional acquirement and efficiency. He is now the secretary of the Wyoming State Medical Society.

Fraternally Dr. Lewellen is connected with Absarokee Lodge, No. 30, A. F. & A. M.; also with Campbell Chapter, No. 31, R. A. M., of Florence, South Carolina; and Constantine Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of Cody. He is likewise a member of Kalif Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Sheridan, Wyoming. He was elected the second mayor of Powell, serving as chief executive of the city and thus taking active part in framing its policy and promoting its interests. He is a member of the Badger Club and he is one of the successful practitioners and prominent residents of the Big Horn basin.

WILLIAM H. HOOPER.

William H. Hooper, proprietor and manager of the Wyoming Drug Company of Rawlins and well known as a representative business man of this city, was born in Wheatland, California, January 28, 1886, a son of Charles William and Mary (Gibson) Hooper, the former a native of Arkansas, while the latter was born in California. The father removed to California in an early day, arriving in that state in 1852, soon after the early discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. He devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and remained at Wheatland throughout the residue of his days, there passing away in 1895. His widow

is still living and makes her home in Berkeley, California. They had a family of three children, the two daughters being Mrs. J. H. Buckley and Mrs. James Groh, both of whom are still living in California.

William H. Hooper, the only son and the youngest of the family, attended school at Wheatland, California, and after mastering the branches of learning there taught became a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at San Francisco, from which he was graduated in 1906, having completed a course in pharmacy and in chemistry. He entered upon the active work of his profession in San Francisco, California, where he remained until 1909, and in the spring of 1910 he came to Rawlins and established the Wyoming Drug Company, of which he is sole proprietor. He has built up a very gratifying and substantial business by close application, indefatigable industry and untiring purpose. In all of his business dealings he is thoroughly reliable and progressive and he ranks today with the leading druggists of the state.

Mr. Hooper is a Mason, loyal to the teachings of the craft, and he also belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of Rawlins. In politics he maintains an independent course, voting for men and measures rather than party. He does not seek office but is not remiss in the duties of citizenship and cooperates heartily with all well defined plans and measures for the general good. He stands high as a citizen and as a representative business man and is one of the stalwart advocates of public progress in Wyoming, believing thoroughly in the future of the state, owing to its excellent natural resources and the possibilities which have not yet been utilized for its further development.

HON. THOMAS PAINTER.

Many tangible evidences can be given of the public spirit of Thomas Painter, mayor of Evanston and one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Uinta county. Well defined plans and purposes have carried him forward in his business career and the same spirit of determination and energy has been a factor in the accomplishment of his purpose in regard to the improvement of the city of which he is now the executive head. He was born in Southampton, England, February 28, 1862, and is a son of Erin and Sebina (Cowdery) Painter. The father remained in England throughout his entire life, engaged in the boiler making trade, and there he passed away in 1864. Eight years later, or in 1872, his widow came to America, making her way to Evanston, Wyoming, where she spent her remaining days, her death occurring in 1878. In her family were three children: William, who is now living in Bloomington, Idaho; James, a resident of Southampton, England; and Thomas, who is the youngest.

Thomas Painter was a youth of sixteen years when the family home was established in Evanston. His education was that afforded in the public schools, and after starting out in life on his own account he was employed along various lines of business, eventually concentrating his efforts and attention upon the sheep industry, which he has developed to extensive proportions. He is today one of the foremost sheep men of the state, having numerous flocks pastured on large ranges, and his equipment for handling the sheep and caring for the wool is most modern. He likewise has a number of other business interests in this section of the state, being a director of the Evanston National Bank and vice president of the Western Wyoming Land & Live Stock Company of Evanston, as well as president of the Painter Sheep Company.

On the 18th of May, 1887, Mr. Painter was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Downs, a daughter of James and Mary Downs, who were pioneer settlers of the state and were natives of Scotland. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Painter, but James and Mary have passed away. Thomas, the living son, born December 13, 1893, attended the public schools of Evanston and All Hallows College at Salt Lake City, after which he continued his studies



Thomas Painter

in the Agricultural College at Logan, Utah, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He was married in 1913 to Miss Frances Jones, of Evanston.

While Mr. Painter has most important and extensive business connections, he is also widely and prominently known through his official activities. His fellow townsmen, appreciating his worth and ability, have continued him in office for sixteen consecutive years. He was elected a member of the city council of Evanston and served in that position for two years. He was chosen county commissioner and served in that position for ten years. While a member of the county board he framed the bill to rebuild the front of the courthouse, which through the improvement thereby made has become one of the finest courthouses in the state. For four years he has been mayor of Evanston and is a most popular official whose efforts have been farreaching and resultant. He has made Evanston a "city beautiful." It is remarkable for its cleanliness, and Saturday is general clean-up day all over the town. Moreover, he has instituted many needed reforms and improvements. He was instrumental in bringing about the erection of the present magnificent city hall, which is one of the finest in the state and which was built at a cost of twenty-seven thousand dollars. It would be a credit to a city many times the size of Evanston. Mr. Painter is continually studying how best to advance the interests of his city, promote its welfare and uphold its civic standards. His labors have been attended with notable results and the present excellent condition of Evanston is due in very notable measure to the efforts, the public spirit and the enterprise of Mr. Painter, who has every reason to be proud of what has been accomplished. The weight of his influence, whether in office or out of it, is always on the side of advancement and improvement, and he is classed with those men who have been most active in the upbuilding of the best interests of the state.

GUS STROUP.

While not one of the earliest pioneers of Laramie, Gus Stroup has nevertheless left the impress of his ability and individuality upon the business development and upbuilding of his adopted city. For more than twenty-two years he was identified with the Union Pacific Railway in this section of the country and is now well known as a dealer in meats in Laramie. He is one of the substantial citizens that Ohio has furnished to this state.

His birth occurred in Lynchburg, Highland county, Ohio, November 1, 1868, his parents being Joseph J. and Martha (Long) Stroup, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they resided until 1879, when they removed westward to Missouri, settling at Gallatin. There the father engaged in farming, remaining a resident of Missouri until called to his final rest in November, 1905. His widow still survives and is now a resident of Laramie, Wyoming. They were the parents of six children; Lillie, who resides in Laramie; Lawrence, who is located at Gallatin, Missouri; Harry, living at Winston, Missouri; Mrs. Florence Brown; E. A., living in Laramie; and Gus, of this review.

The last named is the eldest of the family and in his boyhood he accompanied his parents on their removal to Missouri, his youthful days being spent in Gallatin, where he attended school. After his textbooks were put aside he turned his attention to railroad work and was identified with the Union Pacific in various capacities for twenty-two years at Laramie. He came to this city in August, 1890, and was connected with the railroad company until 1913, when he determined to engage in business on his own account and opened a meat market. He is today one of the prosperous men of Laramie, enjoying an extensive trade which is steadily growing and which brings to him a most gratifying annual income.

In January, 1904, Mr. Stroup was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Baker, a native of Colorado and a daughter of Alonzo and Estella Baker. The former

resides in Colorado, while Mrs. Baker is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stroup have one child, Helen, who was born in Laramie and is now a student in the University of Wyoming.

In his political views Mr. Stroup is independent, nor does he bind himself at any time by party ties. Fraternally he is a Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he has crossed the sands of the desert. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Order of Railway Conductors. His attention, however, at the present time is largely concentrated upon his commercial interests and as proprietor of a meat market in Laramie he is enjoying a successful and profitable business.

HAROLD L. VAUGHAN.

Harold L. Vaughan, secretary, treasurer and manager of the Cheyenne Creamery, is a progressive young business man who has spent his entire life in Wyoming's capital. He was born at Fremont, Nebraska, November 26, 1888, and is a son of Frank Hawkins Vaughan, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. At the usual age he entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school, and he then left Cheyenne to continue his education in the University of Colorado, in which he studied for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned and entered the Cheyenne Creamery, of which his father is the president. He is one of the enterprising and progressive young business men of the city and although he entered upon a business already established he is proving his worth in directing its interests and contributing to its steady growth. He is secretary and treasurer of the company that erected the modern brick building for the creamery in 1911. In the creamery business he is associated with his younger brother, Stanley C. Vaughan, who is assistant manager, and the latter is also vice president of the company which erected the building.

On December 15, 1914, Mr. Vaughan was united in marriage to Mrs. Lyda M. Hart. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist and he is a Consistory Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. He belongs to the Industrial Club, as do all of the family, and he is justly accounted one of the most progressive young business men of the city, controlling interests which are important and extensive and which have been developed through his executive ability and wise direction.

WILLIAM J. NOLAN.

William J. Nolan, master mechanic with the Union Pacific Railroad, having full charge of the roundhouse at Green River, was born at Grand Island, Nebraska, November 9, 1884, and was the eldest of a family of five children born of the marriage of William and Mary (Naylin) Nolan, both of whom were natives of Philadelphia and in early life removed westward to Nebraska. The father became an active business man of Wood River and later engaged in horse racing, owning some very fine running stock and following the circuits in Nebraska. He is still living at Grand Island, but his wife passed away in 1903 and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Green River, Wyoming. They had a family of five children: William J., of this review; Ralph Nolan, who is now connected with the aviation corps; Frank, a member of the United States army; Mrs. Anna Kreider, living in Bakersfield, California; and one who has passed away.

The eldest of the family, William J. Nolan, spent his boyhood at Grand Island, Nebraska, where he pursued a high school course, after which he served an

apprenticeship in the shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Subsequently he was employed as a machinist by the Company at Omaha, Nebraska, and for one year he lived in Rawlins, Wyoming, but in 1906 removed to Green River, where he has since made his home. He was sent here to take charge of the roundhouse of the Union Pacific as foreman and later was made district foreman and eventually master mechanic, occupying the latter position since 1916 at the Union Pacific shops at Green River, with full charge of the yards and the roundhouse and also of the machine shops at that point. He has thus worked his way steadily upward, the passing years bringing him increased experience and efficiency as the result of his close application and his thorough workmanship.

In June, 1908, Mr. Nolan was united in marriage to Miss Ida Viox, a daughter of Leo and Josephine Viox, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. They now have one child, Norman Leo, born in Cheyenne in 1911 and attending school.

Fraternally Mr. Nolan is connected with the Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Columbus, his identification with the latter organization indicating his religious faith to be that of the Roman Catholic church. In politics he is a republican and he is a member of the Commercial Club, cooperating heartily with all the well defined plans and projects of that organization for the upbuilding of the city, for the direction and extension of its trade connections and for the development and elevation of its civic standards.

FRANK O. ANDERSON.

Frank O. Anderson, whose tragic and untimely death occurred as the result of an auto accident, January 8, 1918, was well known in connection with the automobile trade in Laramie, where he was engaged in handling the Buick cars and the J. & C. trucks, which he sold throughout Albany county. He was of foreign birth but spent the greater part of his life on this side of the Atlantic.

He was born in Sweden, on December 30, 1860, and during his early boyhood was brought to the new world by his parents, Peter and Anna (Peterson) Anderson, who were also natives of Sweden. On reaching the new world they took up their abode in Galesburg, Illinois, where the father was employed in various ways. He continued to reside in that city until his death, which occurred in 1882, when he was sixty-five years of age. In the family were nine children, but only two are living: John A., who resides in Galesburg; and Hannah M.

Frank O. Anderson was reared in Galesburg, where he pursued his education in the public schools to the age of fourteen years, when he started out to provide for his own support. He was first employed as cup boy in the Vanshalk & Holmes hardware and tinware establishment, in which he remained for a year. He was afterward employed in restaurants and hotels in Galesburg until he reached the age of nineteen years, and later he secured a position as fireman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, being employed in that way for six years. He was promoted to the position of engineer and devoted altogether seventeen years to service as fireman and engineer. He was likewise employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company for six months, at the end of which time he resigned his position and took up his abode in Rawlins, Wyoming, where he entered the hotel business. He was also engaged in the hotel business in Walcott, Wyoming, for a time and in 1905 he became a resident of Laramie, where he entered the employ of the W. H. Holliday Company. He was afterward for a time with the Laramie Grocery Company and then entered the restaurant business on his own account, engaging in that line until July, 1916, when he opened his automobile garage and salesrooms at 212 Grand avenue. He continued in the business handling the Buick pleasure cars and the J. & C. trucks. His sales reached a large annual figure and the business under his capable management became one of the leading ones of its kind in the state.

Mr. Anderson was married in Danville, Illinois, to Miss Eunice V. Smiley and they have one daughter, Jessie E. Mr. Anderson voted with the republican party and while living in Illinois served as the first mayor of the city of Rome. Fraternaly he was well known as a prominent Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine he crossed the sands of the desert. He likewise held membership with the Elks and with the Woodmen of the World and was identified with the Chamber of Commerce. He stood for all that was progressive and beneficial in community affairs and gave his aid and influence to all projects and measures which were of value to his city and state. His life record was marked by continuous progress and yet at the outset of his career he experienced many hardships and trials, for he had to depend upon his own resources at an early age and wrest fortune from the hand of fate. His demise caused the deepest sorrow in the community as his sterling qualities were generally recognized, and many and sincere were the expressions of sympathy and tokens of condolence extended to the bereaved family.

JOHN A. LARSON.

John A. Larson, cashier of the Cokeville State Bank and also identified with various other business interests at Cokeville, belongs to that class of men whose industry and enterprise constitute factors not only in the attainment of individual success but also in the promotion of public prosperity. He is now identified with the Reynolds, Smalley, Larson Company and is also the president of the Cokeville Light & Power Company.

He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 12, 1889, a son of Thomas and Sophia Larson. The parents were natives of Norway and came to America in early life. They first settled in Missouri but afterward continued their westward way until they became residents of the Salt Lake valley. The father engaged in railway construction work and was active in building the road from Park City, Utah, to Salt Lake City. At a subsequent period he became a resident of Wyoming, where he established his home in 1903. He made Kemmerer his destination and there remained to the time of his death, which occurred in 1913, when he was forty-nine years of age. He had for a long period survived his wife, who died at Park City, Utah, in 1895. They had a family of five children, namely: Theodore, a prominent attorney of New York city; Albert, who is cashier of the State Bank at Big Piney, Wyoming; Leonard, who is acting as mining engineer for the Nevada Consolidated Mining Company; John A.; and Benjamin, who is now a member of the Engineering Corps of the United States Army.

In his boyhood John A. Larson attended the schools of Kemmerer and of Salt Lake City, mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools at the former place, while subsequently he became a student in the Collegiate Institute of Salt Lake and next entered the University of Utah. When his textbooks were put aside, at which time he was thoroughly qualified for large responsibilities, he removed to Fort Steele, British Columbia, Canada, where he engaged in mining, and in 1909 he took up his abode in Cokeville, turning his attention to commercial pursuits, in which he was engaged until 1916. He then entered the Cokeville State Bank as cashier and is concentrating his efforts and attention largely upon the management and control of this institution. His efforts have been an important element in advancing general progress and prosperity here, for his business affairs have been of a nature that promotes general improvement as well as individual success. He is associated with the Reynolds, Smalley, Larson Company and is president of the Cokeville Light & Power Company and at the same time he is occupying a position of executive control in one of the leading financial institutions of this section of the state. Of the Reynolds,



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Smalley, Larson Mercantile Company he is the vice president. His business judgment is sound and his discrimination keen. He readily recognizes opportunities and he has the ability to coordinate seemingly diverse interests into a unified and harmonious whole.

On the 2d of September, 1915, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Stoner, of Cokeville, Wyoming, a daughter of J. W. and Nannie Stoner, the former the founder of the town of Cokeville. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have become the parents of two children: Ruth, who was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in April, 1916; and Pauline, born October 22, 1917.

Mr. Larson and his wife occupy an enviable position in social circles and enjoy the hospitality of the best homes of this portion of the state. Mr. Larson is a Knight Templar Mason. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has been elected on that ticket to the office of councilman. He has also served on the school board and he puts forth effective and earnest effort to promote the welfare and progress of city and state, cooperating heartily in all plans and measures for the general good. By reason of the extent and importance of his business interests he has gained a wide acquaintance and high regard is entertained for him by all who know him. His life record measures up to advanced standards of manhood and citizenship and the consensus of public opinion places him among the representative residents of Lincoln county.

EVERETT WILLIAM GLAFCKE.

Everett William Glafcke, occupying the position of city engineer at Cheyenne, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on the 18th of March, 1871, and is a son of Herman and Victorine S. (Pollard) Glafcke. The father was a newspaper man and came to Wyoming as secretary of state under appointment of General Grant during the territorial period in the history of this commonwealth. He was on the staff of General Grant at the time of the Civil war, being engaged in active service throughout the period of hostilities between the north and the south. He was also at one time state provost marshal of Connecticut and thus he figured prominently in public connections in the localities in which he lived, being well qualified by nature for leadership in public thought and action.

Everett W. Glafcke was but three weeks old when he was brought to Wyoming, the family home being established here when all of the conditions of pioneer life existed, the work of progress and civilization having scarcely been begun in this section of the country at that time. His father was postmaster at Cheyenne during the Black Hills excitement and was at one time publisher of the Cheyenne State Leader. When death called him he was filling the position of deputy United States collector for his district. He contributed in marked measure to the substantial development and permanent progress of the community in which he lived and Cheyenne benefited greatly by his efforts in her behalf. Upon the western frontier he reared his family, numbering five children. Mrs. L. C. Hinckle, of Cheyenne, is a sister of our subject.

Everett W. Glafcke, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, early became familiar with events which have had much to do with shaping the annals of Wyoming. He pursued his education in the public and high schools of Cheyenne and afterward rode the range as an employe of the Lee Scott Cattle Company and of the F X Cattle Company for three years. He received his professional training through practical experience in the field and by private study. Interested in engineering projects, he directed his reading along that line and devoted many leisure hours to the study of textbooks which brought him broad and accurate knowledge. He then entered the engineering department of the Union Pacific Company as an employe in the division engineer's office, where he continued for three years. He later entered the government

service in connection with the geological survey, with which he was identified for fourteen years, and later he became county surveyor of Laramie county, occupying that position for eight years. In February, 1916, he was called to his present position as city engineer of Cheyenne and in this connection is identified with works of public improvement and brings to bear in the solution of important problems the broad knowledge gained from his wide study and long practical experience. He is proving a most capable incumbent in his present office.

On the 18th of January, 1910, Mr. Glafcke was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Hadden Elizabeth Rodenbaugh, of Akron, Ohio. Mr. Glafcke is a Protestant in religious belief and his wife is an active member of the Presbyterian church, to the support of which he contributes. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Elks. He is fond of hunting and fishing and outdoor sports generally, and has hunted the various kinds of game found in the state. There is no feature of Wyoming's development with which he is not familiar. He has been a witness of many events which are matters of history to others and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present.

CHARLES JOSEPH MADERA, M. D.

Dr. Charles Joseph Madera, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Cokeville, is well qualified for his professional activity by thorough training in the medical department of the University of Colorado and his powers have steadily grown as his experience has broadened. He is today one of the capable physicians of his section of the state and is accorded a liberal practice.

He was born in Boulder, Colorado, March 8, 1881, a son of Shepard L. and Lucy (Hayman) Madera, the former a native of Burlington, Iowa, while the latter was born in Liverpool, England, whence she came to America with her parents when a little maiden of six years. Her father took up his abode in Denver, Colorado, where his remaining days were passed. The daughter attended school in Denver and was there married. Mr. Madera had removed westward from Burlington, Iowa, to Colorado, where he lived for a time but at the age of sixteen years came to Wyoming with General Hayden on a surveying expedition that covered the western part of the state. Subsequently he returned to Denver and was married there, after which he established his home in Wyoming and took active part in many of the pioneer experiences which have formed the opening chapter in the history of the state. He participated in the battle with the Rosebud Agency Indians under General Crook and he aided in reclaiming the state for the purposes of civilization. He was also connected with the United States geological survey and with other interests which have constituted an important element in the gradual development, improvement and up-building of the state. At a still later period he once more went to Denver but eventually returned to Wyoming to make his home with his son, Dr. Madera, in Cokeville, and here he passed away in 1912, at the age of sixty-nine years. There were various chapters in his life record which would rival any tale of fiction, but he was a most modest man and seldom spoke of his experiences. He belonged to that class, however, who have laid broad and deep the foundation upon which has been built the present progress and prosperity of the state. During the period of his early life in Boulder he was deputy marshal and while in the performance of his duties there occurred an outbreak among the prisoners in which desperate characters participated. The warden was being overpowered and called for help. Mr. Madera responded and, seeing the situation, instantly fired and a large, powerful prisoner, then under sentence of death, was killed. He always regretted the necessity for this act but found it was the only thing that he could do in the performance of his duty. His service as a member of

the United States geological surveying party was greatly appreciated, as is shown by the fact that his associates in the undertaking presented him with a handsome Smith & Wesson six-chambered revolver, ivory-handled, bearing the date July 1, 1875. This is now in possession of Dr. Madera and is much treasured as a family heirloom. The mother of our subject passed away in Boulder, Colorado. In the family were five children: Mrs. Harriet Euler, of Boulder, Colorado; Esta, who died in Boulder, Colorado; Walter, who has also passed away; Charles J., of this review; and May, who has departed this life.

Dr. Charles J. Madera supplemented his public school education by a course of study in the University of Colorado at Boulder, becoming a student in the medical department, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907. He then located for practice at Brush, Colorado, where he remained for a year and in 1908 removed to Cokeville, Wyoming, since which time he has ranked as one of the leading physicians of this section of the state. For two years, from 1907 until 1909, he was connected with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company Hospital and he has also served as city physician of Cokeville.

On the 6th of October, 1907, Dr. Madera was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louise Shelley, of Denver, Colorado, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shelley, who are residents of Denver. One child has been born of this marriage, Hope, whose birth occurred at Brush, Colorado, August 3, 1908, and who is now attending school in Denver, a very bright child and far in advance of her years in her school work. Dr. and Mrs. Madera hold membership in the Episcopal church and are interested in all those forces which tend to advance the welfare and progress of the community.

Dr. Madera is a Master Mason and in the course of his practice he finds many opportunities to exemplify the beneficent spirit upon which the organization rests. He holds to high professional ideals, to high standards of citizenship and is numbered among the most valued and progressive residents of Lincoln county as well as one of the leading physicians.

FRANK E. FROLING.

Frank E. Froling is one of Rawlins' best known citizens, who arrived here in modest financial circumstances but who as the years have passed has rapidly advanced and today occupies a prominent position in commercial circles in his city. He is well known as the cowboy boot and shoe dealer from the fact that he has manufactured so much of the footwear used by the cattlemen in this section of the country. He has become thoroughly established in trade circles, building up one of the most lucrative business enterprises in this section of the state. He employs five experienced shoemakers and at times even with that assistance finds difficulty in meeting the demands of the trade.

Mr. Froling is a native of Sweden. He was born July 28, 1876, a son of Jacob and Gustava (Blom) Froling. The mother came to America in 1881 and resided in Denver until her death in 1895. The father was a seafaring man and a gunner in the Swedish navy and while upon a cruise around the world in 1876 was drowned. In the family were three children, the brothers of Frank E. Froling being: Oscar, now a resident of Modesto, California; and Charles, who makes his home in Alameda, California.

In early life Mr. Froling of this review became identified with shoemaking and continued in that line of business in Denver until 1897, when he came to Rawlins and established his present business. He has now been located here for two decades. He opened his shop on a small scale, doing all of the work himself, but as his excellent workmanship became recognized his trade grew, especially among the cattlemen and cowboys of this section of the state. His business, therefore, rapidly increased so that he was forced to employ help and from time to time he has added others until he now has five expert shoemakers



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in his service. His business has reached gratifying proportions, making him one of the leading merchants of his adopted city.

In his political views Mr. Froling maintains an independent course and has never felt himself bound by party ties. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also to the Swedish Vasa Orden. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and his fidelity to its teachings makes him a man whom to know is to honor and respect. He deserves much credit in that he has won success through individual effort and a wise utilization of the opportunities which have come to him.

JACOB W. HAWK, M. D.

Dr. Jacob W. Hawk, actively engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery at Green River, prepared for his profession at Keokuk, Iowa, where he won his degree in 1882. Since that time he has concentrated his efforts and attention upon professional interests and duties and has ever been closely observant of the highest ethical standards of the profession.

He was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, November 12, 1857, a son of the late Martin Hawk, a native of Virginia and a representative of an old Virginia family of English lineage. This family was founded in America by Jacob Hawk, an agriculturist, who crossed the Atlantic prior to the Revolutionary war. The grandfather of Dr. Hawk also bore the name of Jacob and was a Virginian, who served in the War of 1812. The Doctor's father was reared and educated in Ohio and about 1852 removed westward to Iowa, becoming one of the pioneers in that state. There he took up the occupation of farming, which he successfully followed. He was also a prominent and active worker in the ranks of the democratic party and was several times called upon to fill positions of public honor and trust. He served as county commissioner during the period of the Civil war and was ever a stalwart champion of those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He reached the advanced age of eighty-two years, passing away in 1905, respected and honored by all who knew him. His wife bore the maiden name of Nancy Burroughs and was born in Ohio, representing one of the old families of the Buckeye state of English lineage founded in New England at a very early period in the colonization of the new world. Her mother's people were of the Saunders family and representatives of both the Saunders and the Burroughs family took part in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Hawk passed away in 1915 at the notable old age of eighty-nine years, both she and her husband dying in Denver, where they lived for several years prior to their demise. They had a family of eight children.

Dr. Jacob W. Hawk, who was the fifth in order of birth, pursued his early education in the public schools of Iowa and in reviewing the vast field of business preparatory to making selection of some line of work as his chosen vocation he determined upon the practice of medicine and surgery and with that end in view matriculated in the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Keokuk, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1882. Previous to the time, when a young man of eighteen years, he taught school in Iowa but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional activity, using it as a means to provide him with some of the funds necessary to pursue his college course. Following his graduation he entered upon active practice with Dr. W. W. Hawk, his brother, at Colfax, Jasper county, Iowa, where he remained for a year. He then removed to southern Iowa, taking up his abode in Russell, Lucas county, where he was appointed examining surgeon under Grover Cleveland for the southern district of the state and thus assisted various veterans of the Civil war in securing pensions. This was his first political appointment. He remained in southern Iowa for five years and spent the following year in post

graduate work in Chicago. In the spring of 1889 he removed to Denver, Colorado, where he engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery for five years. He next took up his abode in Green River, Wyoming, where he was appointed district surgeon for the Union Pacific and for the Oregon Short Line Railroads. He is still connected with both roads in that capacity and at the same time is engaged in general practice, being the pioneer physician of Green River. His ability is pronounced and his success has been rapid and substantial. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and investigation and while he does not hastily discard the old and time-tried methods, is ever ready to take up any new idea which his judgment sanctions as of value in connection with the onerous task of checking the ravages of disease and restoring health. He is also one of the officers and directors of the First National Bank of Green River.

On the 28th of February, 1883, in Newton, Iowa, Dr. Hawk was married to Miss Charlotte Gardner, a native of Canada and a daughter of William and Charlotte (Davidson) Gardner. The mother is still living but the father has passed away. Both were natives of Scotland. Dr. and Mrs. Hawk have but one child, Janet, who is the wife of George K. Hoffman, a resident of Delaware, Ohio.

Dr. Hawk is identified with the American Medical Association, the Wyoming State Medical Society, the American Association of Railway Surgeons and other organizations which have to do with the dissemination of knowledge that is of value to the profession. He has served as county health commissioner, as county physician and as examining surgeon for the selective draft in Sweetwater county, having been appointed to the last mentioned position on the 20th of June, 1917. His political endorsement has always been given to the republican party and for one term he represented his district in the state legislature. He also served for two terms as a member of the state senate, has been mayor of Green River for two terms and is the present incumbent in that position. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church.

The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments but rather to leave a perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellowmen. Throughout Wyoming Dr. Hawk is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been so varied in its activities, so honorable in its purposes, so far-reaching and beneficial in its effects that it has become an integral part of the history of his city and has left an impress upon the annals of the state. As a city official and as a member of the general assembly of Wyoming he has done much to further public progress along those lines affecting municipal, state and national welfare. His life is characterized by a marked public spirit and devotion to the general good and in social circles he has gained prominence by reason of a charming personality and unfeigned cordiality.

MARTIN N. CASTLE.

For almost a quarter of a century Martin N. Castle has been a resident of Casper, where he is now engaged in the livery and feed business and is also well known as a contractor. He is one of the pioneer residents of his city, where he is widely and favorably known.

He was born in Washington, Tazewell county, Illinois, November 2, 1862, his parents being Orren and Jane (Gibson) Castle. They settled in Illinois at an early period in the development of that state and there they spent their remaining days. They had a family of nine children, four of whom yet survive.

Martin N. Castle was reared and educated in Illinois and in 1889 left home,

going to Nebraska, where he took up a homestead. He continued his residence in that state until 1894, when he removed to Casper, where he has since continued. Here he established a livery stable and is also engaged in the sale of feed. He carries on business as a contractor as well and he has become the owner of extensive property interests in Casper, having made judicious investment of his savings in real estate. In business affairs his judgment is sound and his discrimination keen.

In 1892 Mr. Castle was united in marriage to Miss Lula Erwin and to them have been born two children: Lula May, who was born May 6, 1894, and is now the wife of William Dowling; and Esther, who was born May 6, 1905. The elder daughter is a graduate of the high school and of a business college of Cheyenne and the younger daughter is now a high school pupil.

Mr. Castle is connected with the Improved Order of Red Men and with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while interested in the questions and issues of the day, keeping well informed concerning matters of public policy, he does not seek office. He is one of the members of the Natrona County Fair Association and is interested in all those projects which have to do with the welfare and development of city and state, cooperating heartily in all movements for the general good. During his long residence in Casper he has become widely known and is familiar with much of the history of the development of this section of the state.

CHARLES E. BLAIR.

Laramie has drawn its quota of citizens from every state in the Union and among those that Ohio has furnished is Charles E. Blair, proprietor of the White House Clothing Company and one of the progressive and enterprising merchants of the city.

He was born in Brown county, Ohio, July 20, 1871, a son of George M. and Mary (Applegate) Blair, both of whom were natives of Kentucky but became residents of Ohio during their childhood days. The father was engaged in agricultural pursuits in the Buckeye state for many years but eventually removed westward, taking up his abode in Laramie, where he passed away in 1909. His widow survived him for several years, her death occurring in Laramie in 1914. In their family were four children: Mrs. Ida Smith, who is now deceased; Mrs. Nettie Livingston, who has also passed away; Charles E.; and J. H., now living in Denver, Colorado.

Charles E. Blair was a pupil in the public schools of Ohio until he had mastered the branches of learning therein taught and subsequently he became a student in a business college, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He was thus well qualified for life's practical and responsible duties and he made his initial step in the commercial world in connection with the dry goods business, spending five years in Cincinnati. In about 1891 he came to Denver and was an employe in the store of the McNamara Dry Goods Company for about five years. He afterward came to Laramie, where he arrived in 1897, and here he has made his home through the intervening period of twenty-one years. He made his initial step in commercial circles in this city as an employe of A. E. Miller, with whom he remained for five years, after which he spent two years in the service of W. H. Frazee. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account and during these periods he carefully saved his earnings until his industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to embark in business for himself in 1904. He started out in a modest way as a dealer in dry goods and men's clothing, but as his trade grew he sought larger quarters and finally purchased a building on the northwest corner of Second and Grand avenue, in which he now conducts one of the largest dry goods and men's furnishing goods establishments in the



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state, carrying on business under the name of the White House Clothing Company. He has a very extensive and carefully selected stock and the fine line of goods which he carries, combined with his earnest efforts to please his patrons and his reasonable prices, has secured to him a very liberal and gratifying patronage, so that the volume of business transacted over his counters reaches a large figure annually.

In April, 1903, Mr. Blair was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Holmes, of Laramie, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Holmes. The father died during the early girlhood of Mrs. Blair. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Blair have been born two children: Charles E., who was born in Laramie in 1905, and is a student in the University of Wyoming training school; and Margaret, who was born in 1907 and is a public school pupil.

In his political views Mr. Blair has always been a democrat, giving stanch support to the party because of his firm belief in its principles. He filled the office of county commissioner for four years, yet cannot be said to be a politician in the sense of office seeking. On the contrary, he prefers that his public duties shall be done as a private citizen in order that his undivided time and attention may be given to other interests. Fraternally he is a Mason and has attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite. He is also connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As a citizen he ranks high, his sterling worth being widely recognized, and as a business man he occupies an enviable position, while his life record should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, for it indicates what may be accomplished through individual effort and perseverance. He belongs to that class of progressive men who are the real upbuilders of the west and who are developing the state along the most advanced lines, so that Laramie and Wyoming are fast outstripping many of the older cities and states of the country in the opportunities offered and in the standards of municipal and civic development.

JOHN L. MANEVAL.

John L. Maneval is a western man by birth and training and in his life exemplifies the spirit of enterprise which has ever been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of this section of the country. He is now actively connected with business interests in Cheyenne as proprietor of the Maneval Bakery and Cafe, in which connection he is conducting a large and profitable enterprise.

He was born in Denver, Colorado, September 28, 1889, and is a son of Louis C. and Mary Maneval. The father removed with the family to Cheyenne in 1902 and established the bakery and cafe, in which he is still interested, being now associated in the undertaking with his son, John. The business has prospered from the beginning and has become one of the most important enterprises of this character in the state.

John L. Maneval began his education in the schools of Colorado Springs and was a youth of thirteen years when the family removed to Wyoming, after which he spent one year as a pupil in the high school of Cheyenne. He then began learning the plumbing trade, which he followed from 1905 until 1912, and during three years of that period he was engaged in business on his own account. He then sold out to enter business in connection with his father, taking over much of the active management of their establishment and thus relieving his father of the more arduous cares. They have one of the largest cafes in Cheyenne and sell bread, pastry and other bakery goods to a very large percentage of the residents of the city. Something of the volume of their trade is indicated in the fact that they employ in their business about twenty people. They have always maintained the highest standards in the excellence of their output, and their bakery goods, therefore, find a ready sale. The busi-

ness methods of the house, too, commend them to the patronage of the public, for their methods have ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny. They are strictly fair and honorable in all their dealings and put forth every possible effort to please their patrons.

On the 28th of September, 1912, Mr. Manewal was united in marriage to Miss Loretta Dacey and they have one son, Robert. In politics Mr. Manewal maintains an independent course, supporting men and measures rather than party. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also with the Knights of The Maccabees. He is widely known in Cheyenne, where he has remained since his boyhood days, and he has won for himself a very creditable position in business circles, enjoying the respect and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact through commercial or social relations.

ERIC STENDAHL.

Almost every country on the face of the globe has furnished representatives to Wyoming, and well known among the Norwegian residents of Laramie is Eric Stendahl, now successfully engaged in the plumbing business. He was born in Trondhjem, Norway, November 19, 1861, a son of Ole and Lovise (Hals) Stendahl, who were also natives of the land of the midnight sun. The father became a well known farmer in Norway and remained a resident of that country until called to his final rest, his death occurring in 1906. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1891. They were the parents of three children: Lars, who is connected with the Agricultural College of Norway; Eric, of this review; and Randie, who is still living in her native country.

Eric Stendahl was a pupil in the public schools of Norway, after which he engaged in farming on his father's place, being identified with general agricultural pursuits there until 1887, when he severed home ties and bade adieu to friends and native country, sailing for the new world. After reaching American shores he did not tarry on the eastern coast but made his way at once into the interior of the country, becoming a resident of Laramie, where he remained until 1894. He was employed by William Cordner, under whose direction he learned the plumbing business. In the meantime he purchased his father's old homestead farm in Norway and in 1894 he returned to that country, remaining upon the farm for thirteen years, concentrating his efforts and attention upon its further development and improvement. The lure of the new world was upon him, however, and in 1907 he again came to America after selling his farm in Norway. Once more he took up his abode in Laramie and again worked for Mr. Cordner in the plumbing business for two and a half years. He then gave up his position to engage in business on his own account and through the intervening period has made for himself a position as one of the leading plumbers not only of Laramie but of southern Wyoming. He is thoroughly familiar with the trade, is an expert workman and is thus able to carefully direct the labors of those who are in his employ. His business has reached gratifying proportions. In his vocabulary there is no such word as fail and his resolute spirit and indefatigable energy enable him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

On the 8th of August, 1897, Mr. Stendahl was married to Miss Olise Hals, a native of Norway and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hals, of that country. They have become parents of three children: Osellie, who was born in Norway, May 31, 1901, and is attending high school; Agnes, who was born in Norway, October 23, 1902, and is also a high school pupil; and Jennie, who was born in Laramie, October 13, 1907, and is pursuing her education in the public schools of her native city.

Mr. Stendahl belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is

thoroughly content to make Laramie his home, recognizing the opportunities and advantages here to be enjoyed. As a self-made man he deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. From early boyhood he has been dependent upon his own resources, working his way steadily upward, and his prosperity is indeed well deserved.

JULIUS F. BOCK.

Julius F. Bock, a well known rancher and stockman of Wyoming, living at Newcastle, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, June 5, 1867, and is a son of John and Magdalena (Rushman) Bock, the former a native of Schleswig-Holstein, born April 17, 1834, while the mother's birth occurred in the same section of Germany on the 23d of September, 1840. The father is now living retired in Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, where he settled on crossing the Atlantic to America in 1872. His wife passed away there on the 28th of March, 1910.

Julius F. Bock was the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, three sons and seven daughters, all of whom are living with the exception of his two brothers, who died in infancy. Mr. Bock of this review was brought to America by his parents when only five years of age and was reared upon the old home farm in Cass county, Nebraska, where he attended the country schools in his home district until he reached the age of thirteen. He then began to work upon the farm and continued to devote his time and attention to the labors of the fields until he reached the age of nineteen. In 1886 he left home, anxious to make a start in the business world on his own account. He removed to what was then Crook county, Wyoming, but is now Weston county, and began work as a ranch hand, entering the employ of Lagrave Delaney, a prominent rancher, engaged extensively in raising horses. Mr. Bock remained in that employ for a year and a half and in July, 1888, he settled upon his present ranch, having taken up a preemption claim upon arriving in Wyoming. Upon his land he built a log house, barn, sheds and a bunk house and all of these buildings are still standing as landmarks of the pioneer days. His present residence, however, is a very attractive modern home built in a pleasing style of architecture and tastefully furnished and it is both commodious and convenient. In 1888 Mr. Bock entered into partnership with an uncle and they continued their ranching interests together until 1892, when the partnership was dissolved and Julius F. Bock started out independently. He is now one of the most prominent ranchers and stockmen of northeastern Wyoming, his home ranch comprising about eight thousand acres. Everything about the place is indicative of the spirit of modern day enterprise and progress. The attractive home, which he erected in 1911, is supplied with furnace, bath and all modern conveniences. He also has one of the largest barns in his section of the state and it is possible for two teams to drive in at one time and unload hay. He also has an extensive granary where he keeps his seed. Other improvements upon his farm are a number of substantial cow sheds and barns furnishing ample shelter for horses, cattle and all of his stock besides his hay. This ranch is located on Skull creek and from his house to the upper and north end of the ranch it is a distance of fifteen miles, while the distance to the lower or south end of the ranch is twelve miles from his home. There is much timber upon the place, with beautiful canyons, springs and creeks, and the place is picturesque and attractive as well as productive. In fact, the volume of business carried on there is so extensive that the place is almost a town in itself. He has a complete blacksmith shop on the ranch, also a lumber camp, where all kinds of lumber are cut from his own forests, which can supply lumber to build anything, from a bridge to a house. There are various kinds of lumber and a number of men are employed in this work. Mr. Bock also owns another ranch comprising four thousand acres. This he purchased from John L. Baird, of Newcastle, in the spring of 1918. At this



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VIEWS TAKEN ON THE RANCH OF JULIUS F. BOCK, SHOWING HIS DAUGHTER,
MISS CLARA, ON HORSEBACK

writing Mr. Bock has over nine hundred head of cattle and he also raises horses and sheep quite extensively. All of his stock is of high grade. He has reached a point of notable success through careful management, thrift and energy. He has never been afraid of hard work nor of close application and his advancement is attributable entirely to his own efforts, for he started out as a poor boy, working as a ranch hand, and remained in the employ of others until he could save from his earnings a sufficient sum to enable him to purchase property. He rode the range as a cow puncher, meeting all of the hardships of life in the early days in Wyoming, but he never faltered in his purpose and in the course of time was enabled to purchase land, to which he has added as his financial resources have increased until he is today one of the prominent ranchmen of the state. There are upon his land a number of modern dwellings for the use of his employes and these are all connected by telephone with his residence.

On the 3d of June, 1897, Mr. Bock was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Johrig, a native of Saxony, Germany, and a daughter of Liberal and Hannah (Scheinbach) Johrig, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in 1879 and settled in Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, where Mrs. Bock attended school, there acquiring her education, for she was but five years of age when the family came to the United States. She was the second in order of birth in a family of six children, one of whom has passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Bock have been born the following named: Clara, Tillie, Julia, Ella, John, Fred and Carl, all of whom were born upon the home ranch and are yet living with the exception of Carl, who died in infancy. The two eldest daughters are expert cow riders. They can ride and rope as well as any cowboy that ever rode the range and have attended contests and roundups all over the state. The children are all at home. Mr. Bock has never sought or held office. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and are very prominent and most highly respected throughout this part of the state.

CORNELIUS E. RAAB.

While Cornelius E. Raab of Laramie, Albany county, is not numbered with the pioneer settlers of Wyoming, his presence in his community is being felt on account of his sound business judgment and his participation in any movement for the betterment of conditions in the state. He was born across the water but has become a naturalized American citizen and has displayed marked devotion to the country of his adoption.

He was born in Hungary, June 1, 1876, a son of Ludwig and Caroline (Thomay) Raab, who spent their entire lives in Hungary. The father was a man of liberal education and learning, who engaged in teaching in his native country. He passed away at Hollo Lomnicz, Hungary, in 1904, and his widow is still living in Hungary. They were the parents of seven children.

Cornelius E. Raab, who was the third in order of birth, attended the schools of his native country, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. In his boyhood he began learning the machinist's trade, which he followed up to the time of his emigration to the new world. It was in 1902 that he crossed the Atlantic to America, arriving on the shores of the new world on the 1st of February. He settled in Philadelphia and afterward lived for a time in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while since then he has made his home in Wheeling, in Cheyenne and in Laramie. He continued to work at the machinist's trade and in Cheyenne was employed in that capacity in the machine shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He afterward came to Laramie for the same company but in 1914 he established himself in the tire and vulcanizing business, in which connection he has developed a trade of extensive and gratifying proportions. He has today one of the large establishments of this char-

acter in Wyoming and the excellence of his work insures to him a very liberal patronage.

On the 24th of November, 1908, Mr. Raab was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Marcelly, of New York city, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marcelly, who were natives of Hungary. They have become the parents of three children: Clara, who was born in Cheyenne in 1909 and is now attending school; Irene, born in Laramie in 1912; and Hillary, born in 1914.

Mr. Raab is connected with the Woodmen of the World. He stands high in public regard in Laramie in those circles where genuine worth is always recognized. He has made for himself a creditable place in business, and is concentrating his efforts and attention upon his interests in a manner that insures splendid results. All who know him recognize in him a business man of that class upon which the city must depend for its further development and progress.

JOSEPH LA RIVIERE.

Joseph La Riviere, who is engaged in the plumbing and heating business at Evanston, was born in Montreal, Canada, March 10, 1850, a son of the late Peter La Riviere, a native of France, who devoted his life to the business of lime manufacturing and won substantial success in that undertaking. He married Susan La Point, also a native of France, whence she crossed the Atlantic to Canada in early girlhood. They were married in Lachine, Canada, where Mr. La Riviere was at the time conducting a lumber camp. There they resided for many years, being numbered among the pioneers of that section. To their marriage were born three sons and two daughters.

Joseph La Riviere was the youngest of the family and was educated in the schools of Canada, but his opportunities to attend school were somewhat limited and in the school of experience he has learned many of life's practical and valuable lessons. When between the ages of sixteen and seventeen years he started out to provide for his own support. Leaving home, he crossed the border into the United States, settling at St. Albans, Vermont, where he entered upon an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade. He was employed in the shops of the Vermont Central Machine Company for seventeen years, proving a most efficient and capable employe, as is indicated by his long retention there. He then determined to try his fortune in the west and on the 10th of May, 1885, arrived in Evanston, Wyoming. His two brothers-in-law, Dick Allard and Louis Allard, were in Evanston at that time but otherwise he was a perfect stranger. On arriving in the city he secured employment in the shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and there continued for eighteen years. No one could ever question Mr. La Riviere's fidelity to the interests entrusted to him, as his two long periods of service, one of seventeen and the other of eighteen years, are unmistakable proof of his capability and faithfulness. In 1908 he established business on his own account in the lines of plumbing, heating and sheet metal work, machinery, etc. He has since continued in this field of labor and has built up a business of substantial proportions, having the work of that character in many of the best buildings and homes of Evanston.

On the 24th of May, 1870, in St. Albans, Vermont, Mr. La Riviere was united in marriage to Miss Emily Allard, a native of the Green Mountain state and a representative of one of its old families, formerly established in Canada and of French descent. Mr. and Mrs. La Riviere became the parents of a son and four daughters: Viola, the wife of H. K. Russell, living at Salt Lake City, Utah; Alice, the wife of Roy Dunford, of Evanston, Wyoming; Nelida, the wife of George Dunford, of Evanston, this state; Elvira, who is principal of the public schools of Lyman, Wyoming; and Thomas, who in April, 1917, enlisted in Company H, at Kemmerer, Wyoming, and is now in the military service of the government, in France.

The wife and mother passed away in 1898, her demise causing deep sorrow to her many friends, for she was a woman of refinement and high qualities of character.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Roman Catholic church. They have gained many friends during the period of their residence in Evanston and Mr. La Riviere has long figured as a prominent factor in its industrial circles. In his business career he has worked his way upward by determination, loyalty and capability and is today active in the field of labor which he has chosen as a life work, a liberal patronage being accorded him by reason of his excellent workmanship and his thorough reliability in all business transactions.

W. O. LOGAN.

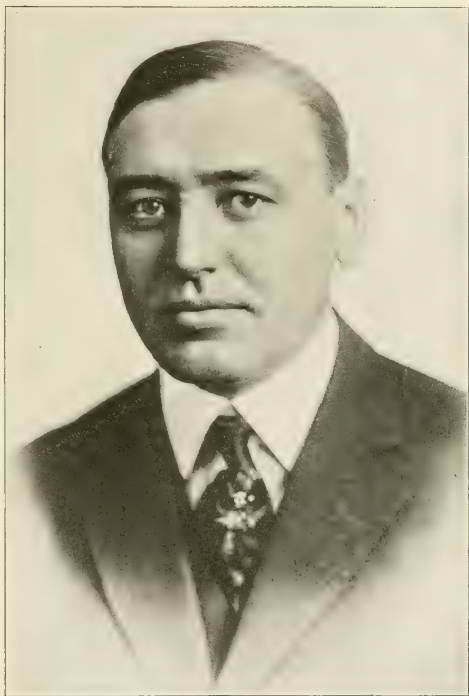
W. O. Logan is well known as a representative business man of Douglas, where he is handling real estate and oil stocks and properties. A native of Iowa, he was born near Iowa City, on the 14th of April, 1870, a son of Lewis and Frances (Brenneman) Logan. The mother has been called to her final rest but the father is living and has devoted his life to farming and stock raising.

W. O. Logan spent his youthful days under the parental roof upon the home farm and began his education in the district schools, while later he became a high school pupil. After his textbooks were put aside he turned his attention to the live stock business and in 1886, wishing to enjoy the advantages for the conduct of such a business in the west, he came to Wyoming, making his way to Converse county. He was employed in connection with different cattle outfits for a time and later engaged in business on his own account. He developed his interests until he had one of the largest sheep ranches in the state with thousands of head of sheep upon the range. He continued to engage extensively in sheep raising until 1913. For a time he was associated with Mr. Cosgriff, of Cheyenne, but Mr. Logan returned to Douglas and opened an office for the conduct of a real estate business and for the sale of oil properties and stock. He has built up a good patronage in this connection and is now controlling a large, growing and profitable business.

On the 25th of December, 1905, Mr. Logan was united in marriage to Mrs. Nettie Hazen and to them have been born two children, Dorothy and William. Mr. Logan gives his political allegiance to the republican party, whose ticket he has voted since reaching adult age. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and the family are communicants of the Episcopal church. Mr. Logan stands for all that has to do with progress and improvement in this state, in which he has now made his home for more than three decades. He has been an interested witness of all the changes that have occurred and the progress that has been wrought, and Wyoming finds in him a stalwart champion who believes in its future and displays his faith by investment in its property and business interests.

JOHN A. ONKEN.

John A. Onken, who since 1913 has been president and manager of the Onken Brothers Company at Sheridan, has spent practically the entire period of his business career in the west and is imbued with the spirit of western enterprise and progress that has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding of the great empire that lies on this side of the Rockies. He was born on the 25th of August, 1878, in Gibson City, Illinois, his parents being August and Tena Onken, the former a native of Essen, Germany, while the latter was born in Beardstown, Illinois.



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John A. Onken completed his public school education by a course in the high school at Saybrook, Illinois, where he was graduated with the class of 1896. He afterward attended the State University of Illinois at Urbana and completed his course there by graduation with the class of 1902. In early life he devoted his attention to farming but afterward became connected with the wholesale grocery trade in Spokane, Washington, where he resided for seven years, acting as vice president of the Spokane Wholesale Grocery Company from 1906 until 1913. In the latter year he removed to Sheridan, Wyoming, where he became a prominent factor in commercial circles as the president and manager of the Onken Brothers Company. In this connection he has been active in the development and upbuilding of an extensive business which has important and far-reaching trade relations and which is a contributing factor to the rapid development of this section of the state. He is also interested in real estate in Illinois, having considerable property in the middle west.

On the 27th of November, 1917, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Onken was united in marriage to Miss Eunice M. Babbitt, a daughter of Archer Babbitt, of Spokane, Washington. In his political views Mr. Onken is a democrat, giving stalwart support to the party, yet without ambition for office as a reward for party fealty. Fraternally he is a Mason and an Elk, and he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is a Knight Templar in the York Rite and a member of Mohamed Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Peoria, Illinois. He is a man of firm purpose whose activities have been intelligently and wisely directed, and what he has undertaken he has carried forward to successful completion.

OLAF C. JOHNSON.

Olaf C. Johnson is well known to the automobile trade of Laramie and the surrounding country. He is one of the pioneer dealers in automobile supplies and an exclusive dealer in auto accessories, conducting business at No. 319 South Second street. This was the first establishment of its kind in Laramie and the business is now conducted as an incorporated company known as Auto Goods Company, with Mr. Johnson as manager.

He was born in Laramie, August 23, 1889, a son of Laurence Johnson, a native of Denmark, who came to the new world in the early '80s and made his way across the country to Laramie, where he was engaged in the bakery business for many years but is now living retired. He married Pauline Beck, also a native of Denmark, and she, too, came to the new world in the early '80s and established her home in Laramie, where she was married. She has become the mother of five children.

Olaf C. Johnson, the eldest in this family, was educated in the public schools of Laramie and of Provo, Utah, where he attended the Proctor Academy. He also became a student in the University of Wyoming but prior to that time he had started out to provide for his own support, being dependent upon his individual efforts from the age of fourteen years. He was first engaged in the bakery business with his father and afterward spent two years in connection with the paint business in the employ of W. Lovett. For a decade he was connected with a drug company, with which he served an apprenticeship and in time passed the state examination, winning the license to engage in the practice of pharmacy in February, 1916. Feeling, however, that there was a more profitable field of labor in connection with the automobile trade, he established his present business in May, 1917, and incorporated his interests under the style of the Auto Goods Company of Rawlins, Wyoming. The firm now conducts five similar establishments in the state of Wyoming. The business has reached very extensive proportions and Mr. Johnson is one of the prominent dealers in automobile accessories in this state. He has thoroughly studied the trade so that he is able to meet every

demand of his patrons and his business has already become a large and profitable one.

On the 28th of July, 1913, Mr. Johnson was married in Laramie to Miss Hazel Iredale, a native of Rock Springs, Wyoming, and a daughter of Joseph and Agnes Iredale, who were pioneer settlers of Rock Springs.

In politics Mr. Johnson follows an independent course, voting according to the dictates of his judgment without regard to party ties. He belongs to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a college fraternity, but he concentrates his time and attention largely upon his business affairs and has made for himself a most creditable position in commercial circles. He is alert and enterprising, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and his progressiveness has brought results that are most satisfactory.

JOHN F. ROSSMAN.

John F. Rossman is president of the Cheyenne Steam Laundry and is an active and energetic business man who early realized the eternal principle that industry wins and therefore made industry the beacon light of his life. He was born in the state of New York in 1857, a son of John and Harriet (Kells) Rossman. The father has passed away, having spent his entire life in New York, but the mother is still living.

John F. Rossman acquired a public school education in the Empire state and afterward attended a seminary in New York, subsequent to which time he concentrated his efforts and attention upon the work of his father's farm, whereon the mother still resides. He gave his labors to general agricultural pursuits until his removal to Wyoming in the year 1885. Making his way westward, he settled in Cheyenne, where he has since made his home. The previous year the laundry of which he is proprietor had been established by John A. England, being the first laundry started in the state. Following the death of Mr. England, Mr. Rossman purchased a half interest in the business and became a partner of Mr. England's son. They are still associated in the conduct of the enterprise, which is today not only the oldest laundry in the state but also the oldest under the continuous management of one firm. Mr. Rossman had been employed in the laundry for ten years prior to purchasing an interest in the business. Since becoming one of the proprietors he has taken active and helpful part in its management and has done work in this connection that has been of great value in the upbuilding of the trade. Today the company uses five laundry auto cars. In their treatment of employes they are quick to recognize merit and fidelity and to reward it by promotion as opportunity offers. They now employ fifty people in the laundry and have an added force during the rush season.

Mr. Rossman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wager and to them have been born the following named, Jennie M., Marian, Harriett and Jessie.

In religious faith Mr. Rossman is a Methodist and in the work of the church takes a very active and helpful part, serving now as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is also much interested in charitable work and gives most freely to benevolent projects and to aid individuals. His gifts are made without ostentation or display and he follows the Biblical instruction not to let the left hand know what the right hand doeth. His fraternal connections are with the Masons and the Elks. In the former he has attained the thirty-second degree in Wyoming Consistory, No. 1, A. A. S. R., and he is a Knight Templar and also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Industrial Club and cooperates in all of its well defined plans and purposes for the upbuilding of the city.

His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1901 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature. He also served as a member of the city council for three years, but while he made an excellent officer he is willing that his public duties should be done as a private citizen that he may

concentrate his efforts and attention upon his business affairs and upon his church and charitable work, which lie nearest to his heart. He is constantly reaching out a helping hand to those in need of assistance and he has done much to ameliorate the hard conditions of life for the unfortunate.

CHARLES W. VAN VLEET.

Charles W. Van Vleet, well known in the business circles of Douglas as owner of the Douglas Steam Laundry, came to Wyoming from the far-off Empire state, his birth having occurred in Norwich, New York, September 9, 1875. His parents were James W. and Mary (Brown) Van Vleet. The mother has now passed away, but the father survives and is making his home in Douglas with his son, Charles.

At the usual age Charles W. Van Vleet became a pupil in the public schools of Norwich, New York, and in young manhood he started out upon his business career, being first connected with a laundry in his native city. He became owner of a laundry in Norwich and also in Syracuse, New York, but thinking to find still better and broader business opportunities in the west, he left the Empire state and made his way to Denver, Colorado, where he remained for a short time. In May, 1911, he removed to Douglas and purchased the Douglas Steam Laundry, which he has since enlarged and remodeled, making it a modern laundry, supplied with the latest equipment and machinery for carrying on the business. He now has about twelve employes and his trade has reached extensive proportions.

On the 14th of October, 1908, Mr. Van Vleet was united in marriage to Miss Eva Bristol and their children are Warren and Howard. Mr. Van Vleet votes with the republican party, which he has always supported since attaining adult age. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Douglas and also of the Commercial Club. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church.

He has never sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his attention and energies upon his business affairs, and he is truly a self-made man in the best sense of the term. He started out in youth to provide for his own support and has since depended upon his own resources, working his way steadily upward through the wise utilization of the opportunities that have come to him. He is today at the head of a growing business and as the architect of his fortunes he has builded wisely and well.

FRANK COOK.

Frank Cook is proprietor of the New Method Laundry of Laramie, in which city he was born November 8, 1881. His father, the late Jabez Cook, was a native of England and came to America when twenty years of age, crossing the Atlantic in 1858. He first settled in Illinois, where he resided for a number of years, and in 1874 he removed westward to Laramie, where he engaged in railroading as an employee of the Union Pacific Railroad Company for many years. He continued to make his home in Laramie until his death, which occurred January 21, 1916, when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-eight. He was a Civil war veteran, having served with the Eleventh Illinois Infantry for three years as a private, during which time he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, proving his loyalty at all times by his faithful performance of any task assigned him, whether called to the firing line or stationed on the lonely picket line. He was imprisoned at Jacksonville, where he suffered the hardships of prison life. He proudly wore the little bronze button that proclaimed him one of the defenders of the Union, for he



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was a member of the 'Grand Army of the Republic. His political allegiance was always given to the republican party, which was the defense of the country during the dark days of the Civil war. He married Margaret Parton, a native of Franklin county, Arkansas, where her parents settled at an early day although the family came originally from Kentucky. To Mr. and Mrs. Cook were born eight children, three sons and five daughters. In the paternal line the ancestry of the family is English and American.

Frank Cook began his education in the public schools of Laramie, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. He afterward attended the Grant high school at Denver, Colorado, from which he was graduated in 1898. He then started out to earn his own livelihood, his first situation being in the rolling mills of Laramie, where he was employed for three years. He afterward followed various pursuits until June, 1914, when he entered the laundry business, in which he has since been engaged, successfully conducting his enterprise. His plant is thoroughly modern in every detail and something of the scope of his business is indicated in the fact that he employs on an average eight people, while his laundry covers a floor space of eighty-five by twenty-four feet. The business has shown a marked increase each year and the plant is now being operated to its full capacity.

On the 28th of June, 1906, Mr. Cook was married in Laramie to Miss Blanch Beaudoin, a native of Laramie and a daughter of John and Matilda (De Mars) Beaudoin, both of whom are living.

Mr. Cook votes with the republican party, which he has supported since attaining his majority. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and likewise has membership in the Laramie Chamber of Commerce and is in thorough sympathy with its purposes concerning the upbuilding and development of the city. In fact, he stands for progress and improvement in all public affairs and never withholds his aid and cooperation in any movement which he believes will prove of general benefit.

ARTHUR R. BOWEN.

Arthur R. Bowen is well known in theatrical circles, especially in western Wyoming, where for a number of years he has been identified with the Wyoming and Strand theatres, the latter a new venture which in architectural construction and equipment is equal to any theatre to be found in this section of the country. In the conduct of his places of amusement Mr. Bowen has displayed the most enterprising spirit and has kept in touch with the trend of progressiveness along that line.

Mr. Bowen is a native of Bloomington, Illinois. He was born May 19, 1885, of the marriage of Charles Harvey and Emma (Williams) Bowen, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Ohio. In early life they removed westward to Illinois and were married in Bloomington, where the father engaged in business in connection with the tailor's trade. Later he removed to Gallipolis, Ohio, and subsequently took up his abode at Oxford, Ohio, where he passed away in 1893, when but thirty-eight years of age. His widow survives and is now a resident of Seattle, Washington. They had a family of five children: Harvey, who resides in Middleport, Ohio; Harry, living in Seattle; Mrs. Clara Fultz, the wife of F. P. Fultz, of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Beatrice Lyons, the wife of Earl Lyons, of Boomer, West Virginia; and Arthur R., who was the third in order of birth.

In his boyhood days Arthur R. Bowen was a pupil in the schools of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and after leaving the high school secured a position as call boy with the Kanawha & Michigan Railroad. He worked up in that connection for several years and at length secured a position with the Union Pacific Railway Company. In the meantime he took up the study of telegraphy and as

an operator came to Evanston, Wyoming, in 1907, in the employ of the Union Pacific Railway Company. He continued in the work in Evanston for three years or until 1910, but prior to resigning his position he had assumed the management of a moving picture theatre, to which he gave his attention during the evenings, while in the daytime he concentrated his efforts upon telegraph service. He afterward bought out a moving picture theatre, incurring a heavy indebtedness to do this. He borrowed money from a bank and was in other ways under financial obligations. He put forth every effort to meet these and at times went with only one meal per day in order to lower his expenses. It can well be imagined that he did not frequently renew his stock of clothing and that period was indeed one of "lean years." In time, however, he became known and had three theatres in successful operation. He then induced the Masonic fraternity to erect a suitable theatre building and from that point his success has steadily increased. Through the intervening period he has made money rapidly. For a considerable period one of the popular amusement enterprises of Wyoming was known as the Wyoming theatre of Evanston, in which he catered to the better class of patrons and conducted a high-class amusement house, producing the best films that have been brought forth by the leading companies of the country. In 1917 he began the erection of the Strand theatre which opened December 17, 1917. It was built and equipped at a cost of fifty thousand dollars and is one of the most attractive and modern theatres to be found anywhere in the west. The architect was Frank W. Moore, of Salt Lake City, who is an expert in theatre building and who has combined in the Strand all of the latest conveniences and attractive designs known to the theatrical world. The Strand has a seating capacity of eight hundred, including main floor and balcony, with orchestra space and a large, commodious stage with ample dressing rooms for the use of traveling companies. The efforts and early experience of Mr. Bowen combine to enable him to produce something worth while. His laudable ambition has thus come to its fruition and Evanston is profiting thereby.

On the 6th of June, 1915, Mr. Bowen was united in marriage to Miss Alice Cashin, a daughter of Mrs. Ellen Cashin, widely and prominently known in Evanston and this section of the state. They occupy an enviable position in social circles. Fraternally Mr. Bowen is a Mason of high rank, being a member of the Mystic Shrine. He has served on the city council and is interested in all that has to do with the welfare and progress of the city in which he makes his home. His is a record of notable achievement, for he came to Wyoming with only seven dollars in his pocket and within a comparatively few years he has worked his way steadily upward, his life record being one which should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished when there is ambition to succeed coupled with indefatigable energy and persistency of purpose. As a theatrical man Mr. Bowen has closely studied public wishes and demands and has put forth every effort not only to meet the public taste but to improve it by the production of high-class attractions, and his labors in this direction have been fruitful of good results.

MRS. N. ARTISEE ERICKSON.

Mrs. N. Artisee Erickson, county superintendent of schools of Albany county and a well known resident of Laramie, pursued her education in the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Millersville, Pennsylvania, from which she was graduated with the class of 1892, winning the degree of M. E. She has largely devoted her life to teaching and was connected with the graded schools of Laramie for ten years. On the 27th of June, 1900, in Laramie, she became the wife of Andrew Erickson and after her husband's death in 1909 returned to school work. In 1911 she was elected to the position of county superintendent of schools.

serving for four years or until January 1, 1915, and in 1917 she was again elected to the office. In this connection one of the local papers said of Mrs. Erickson:

"She is the democratic candidate for county superintendent of schools and it is far from necessary for us to apologize for Mrs. Erickson in any particular whatever. Nothing can be said in favor of Mrs. Erickson that will be of higher tribute to her than to ask you to look up her record when she served in this capacity two years ago. Mrs. Erickson has proven herself competent and able, she has proven that her first interest is the interests of the schools of Albany county and if she is reelected the office of county superintendent will be filled by a woman against whom no word has ever been spoken and in whom the people of Albany county can place their entire confidence and feel that there is no doubt as to how that office will be conducted for the next two years."

Mrs. Erickson is a descendant of the Edward Mott family, prominently known in Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Levi Smith, of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. She belongs to the Woman's Club of Laramie and was state treasurer of the Wyoming Federation of Women's Clubs from 1909 until 1911. She belongs to the Methodist church and she has taken a most active and helpful interest in various lines of uplift work, keeping in touch with the broad sociological, economic and political questions which have important bearing upon the welfare of the individual and the nation at large. She has traveled extensively in this country, and in the summer of 1910 toured Europe in the interest of school work, incidentally visiting the Passion Play at Oberammergau and other places of interest.

Throughout Albany county she is spoken of in terms of the highest regard, for her work in behalf of the schools has been most effective. Her ideals are high, her methods are practical and in all of her work she is actuated by a progressive spirit that is most resultant. Broad-minded, keeping in touch with the general trend of public thought and progress, she is alive to all the interests and questions of the day and recognizes the fact that the real object of education is to prepare one for whatever life may bring that duties may be well performed and responsibilities fully met.

FRED M. MILLS.

Starting out in business life at the age of fifteen years in order to earn enough to support a widowed mother and three brothers, Fred M. Mills thus early faced a heavy responsibility following the death of his father, and the story of the trying experiences and hardships which he has met would be an extended one if given in detail. His record indicates how force of character and persistency of purpose may overcome obstacles and difficulties and ultimately reach the goal of success. Though his start in the business world was a most humble one, he is now at the head of an extensive wholesale provision business and, moreover, is respected not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the honorable, straightforward business policy that he has ever followed and also owing to the manly and honorable attitude that he has maintained in every relation of life.

He was born in Leigh, England, July 29, 1875, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Davis) Mills, who were also natives of that country. The father, who was an engineer, died in 1888, when but thirty-eight years of age. In 1890 the mother came with her family to the new world and established her home in Rock Springs, Wyoming. She was accompanied by four children, two of the children having died ere the family came to America. Those who survive are: Fred M.; Walter and J. E., both residents of Rock Springs; and Charles, who is living in Seattle, Washington.

In early life Fred M. Mills became a pupil in the public schools of his native country, there pursuing his education to the age of fifteen. His father died and the necessity of providing for the family soon devolved upon him. He



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continued in school for a brief time in England, but after coming to America assumed the burden of assisting in the support of his widowed mother and the younger children of the household. He secured a position in a brickyard in Rock Springs and was employed in that way and in various other occupations until 1901, when he embarked in business on his own account as a wholesale dealer in provisions, grain and feed. His capital had been obtained entirely through his own labors. He had practiced unfaltering industry and close economy and whenever it was possible to save a dollar he did so until the sum was sufficient to enable him to begin an independent commercial career. He is now selling in carload lots and is today one of the prosperous merchants in his line in Wyoming, notwithstanding the fact that he started in business with an indebtedness of three hundred dollars. He ranks very high in commercial circles in Rock Springs and it is a well known fact that opportunity is ever to him the call to action. Aside from conducting a very extensive and profitable business as a dealer in provisions, grain and feed he is connected with the North Side State Bank.

Mr. Mills was married in Rock Springs on the 6th of June, 1900, to Miss M. G. Boland, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boland. They have one child, Fred H., who was born in Rock Springs in 1902 and is a student in St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wisconsin.

Fraternally Mr. Mills is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In politics he maintains an independent course and for one term he served as councilman, but has not been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to concentrate his undivided thought, attention and purpose upon his business affairs, which have been most wisely directed. He is deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished, for in youth he faced difficulties and obstacles that fall to the lot of comparatively few boys, and yet, notwithstanding these, he has won a place among the most prominent and prosperous merchants of western Wyoming.

ORCEMAS ORVIL DAVIS.

Orcemas Orvil Davis, publisher, editor and proprietor of the Green River Star and one of the progressive citizens and enterprising business men of Sweet-water county, was born in Biggsville, Illinois, May 24, 1875, his parents being A. M. and Hulda Anna (Smith) Davis, the former a native of Ohio, while the latter was born in Iowa. They were married in Burlington, Iowa, but early became residents of Illinois. The father engaged in the business of decorating and painting and later was identified with the service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company. He is now a resident of Gas, Kansas, but his wife passed away in Oregon in 1911. They were the parents of two children, Ida Viola being the wife of Charles Pierson, who is living in the state of Washington.

Orcemas O. Davis was the elder of the two children and in his boyhood days attended school in the various places where the family resided. After completing the work of the seventh grade he started out in the business world on his own account, securing a situation in a printing office, with the Daily Avalanche, at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He has since been closely connected with newspaper interests. Starting at the bottom, he steadily worked his way upward, remaining in the office at Glenwood Springs for two years. He then removed to Utah, where he had charge of the Brighton Record, and later he went to Mercur, Utah, where he also had charge of a paper. He then purchased the Lehi Hustler at Lehi, Utah, which he conducted for one year. He was at that time but twenty years of age. He afterward removed to Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he was foreman of the Rock Springs Miner under Robert Smith, acting in that capacity for four years. He then took charge of the Rock Springs Independent and later he removed to Green River, where he leased the Star. A year later he purchased

the paper and for six years he conducted it. He then sold out and went to Nyssa, Oregon, where he established the Nyssa News, but on account of illness he removed to Denver, where he established the West End Advertiser and Five Point Star, advertising journals. In connection with the publication of these papers, he also conducted a job printing shop and for one year remained in Denver, at which time he was offered special inducements to return to Green River. He again became a resident of that city in 1909 and has since conducted the Green River Star, of which he has become sole owner. The plant is equipped with modern machinery and he issues a fine eight-page paper published in the interests of the democratic party and devoted to the upbuilding of his city, county and state. He has made the Star the champion of all progressive movements for public benefit and his paper has become both the mold and the mirror of public opinion.

On the 21st of February, 1899, in Rock Springs, Wyoming, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Anna P. Dykes, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dykes, of Rock Springs. The father died in Denver, Colorado, in 1917, and the mother is still making her home there. To Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been born four children of whom they lost one, their youngest daughter, Hulda Viola, who died May 30, 1911. Gladys Fern, born at Rock Springs in 1902, is a high school pupil. Raymond Milton, born in Nyssa, Oregon, in 1906, and John Ross, born in Green River in 1910, are also in school.

While a stalwart champion of democratic principles, Mr. Davis has never sought or desired office for himself nor felt that public preferment should be accorded him in recognition of his party fealty. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., at Green River. He is also a past patron of Mystic Chapter, No. 8, of the Order of the Eastern Star and he belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is likewise a past consul commander of the Modern Woodmen of America and a past consul of Denver Camp, No. 19, W. O. W., and Green River Camp. His present position is in marked contrast to the point from which he started out in the business world. In his early boyhood his opportunities were very limited and he was willing to accept any honest employment that would aid him to earn a living. As a curiosity it may be mentioned that he blacked the shoes of President Harrison and of the "great" John L. Sullivan. In fact he never hesitated to perform any task that was honorable and he has steadily advanced as the result of his persistency, his diligence and his honesty of purpose. Today he is one of the substantial residents of Green River and in the conduct of his paper is not only winning substantial reward for his labors but is also making valuable contribution to the development and upbuilding of the district in which he now makes his home. The Star is an attractive country newspaper, published weekly, and the office is equipped in a most effective manner. It is supplied with the latest type of printing presses and machinery, with one of the latest linotype machines, and in connection with the publication of the paper Mr. Davis is conducting a substantial and growing job printing trade.

LEWIS L. DORMAN.

Lewis L. Dorman is owner and manager of the Dorman Hotel at Worland and is conducting a hostelry that would be a credit to a city of much larger size. He puts forth every effort to please his patrons, by giving them excellent service, and thus he has gained a substantial and growing business.

He was born in Ohio, January 20, 1880, a son of L. S. and Mary H. (Thompson) Dorman, the former a native of Connecticut, while the latter was a native of the Buckeye state. Their marriage was celebrated in Ohio. The mother's death occurred in 1900 but the father survives and makes his home in Kearney, Nebraska. In the family were three children, all of whom are living.

Lewis L. Dorman was but three years of age when he was taken by his parents to Nebraska, where he was reared and pursued his education. In 1898 he arrived in Wyoming, where he engaged in the cattle business for seven years. He then took up his abode in Cody, where he devoted his attention to the livery business. In 1910 he removed to Worland and purchased a hotel, of which he is now proprietor, and he has since conducted the leading hotel in this city and county. The rooms are well furnished and the separate dining room service is excellent, the hotel being conducted according to the European plan. The cuisine is first class and every effort is put forth to add to the comfort and convenience of the guests, Mr. Dorman ever recognizing the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement. He is a man of resourceful business ability and not only concentrates his efforts and attention upon the Dorman Hotel but is also interested in oil lands in this section of the state. In addition to the hotel business Mr. Dorman owns a good residence and four lots in Worland.

In 1903 Mr. Dorman was united in marriage to Miss Edna B. Kenty, a native of Wyoming. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows and with the Woodmen of the World and his wife is identified with the Royal Neighbors. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since he attained his majority but he has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his thought, purpose and activities upon business affairs, which have made him in time one of the successful men of his adopted state.

THOMAS P. SWEET.

Thomas P. Sweet was for many years actively identified with ranching interests in the west; but is now practically living retired, making his home in Newcastle. He has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, for he is now in the seventy-second year of his age. He was born in Rhode Island, December 18, 1846, a son of Thomas P. and Amie (Wade) Sweet, both of whom were natives of Rhode Island and were descendants of early American families. The father was a farmer by occupation and also a woodsman, devoting his entire active life to those pursuits. He passed away during the early boyhood of his son Thomas.

The latter was the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, which included a half brother. He was reared to manhood in his native state and received such educational advantages as the country schools afforded. He assisted in the work of the home farm during the period of his boyhood and youth, also worked in the lumber woods and was reared amid such surroundings and environment. In February, 1864, when eighteen years of age, he enlisted in response to the country's call for troops to aid in the preservation of the Union, becoming a private of Company E, Third Rhode Island Heavy Artillery. In the fall of the same year he was transferred to Company A of the Light Artillery and was in the siege of Charleston, South Carolina. In the winter of 1864-5 he participated in the engagements in South Carolina and took part in a number of skirmishes and military movements until Sherman came through that section. He then went to Charleston and at that time embarked on a boat for Beaufort, South Carolina, where he continued until 1865. He then returned to Rhode Island, where he was mustered out in August, receiving an honorable discharge after having participated in many hotly contested battles.

Mr. Sweet remained at home for three years after the war, working upon the old homestead farm, chopping wood and doing other such tasks. In 1868 he went west to California, where he was employed in different ways for about six years. In 1874 he made his way northward to Oregon, where he was employed in the mines and also engaged in hunting. In the fall of 1875 he returned to California and through the winter worked on a ranch. In the



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spring of 1876 he was again in the east, remaining in Rhode Island for about a year. But once more he heeded the call of the wild and proceeded to the Black Hills country, which was just being opened up to settlement, owing to the gold discoveries in that district. He arrived there in April, 1877, and afterward engaged in mining in that locality for about two years. In 1879 he was elected sheriff of Custer county, serving for two years, being the first chosen to that position after the organization of the county. Custer was at the time the largest city in the Black Hills country and also the most notorious because of the lawless element that had invaded the district. Order seemed to have no place in the catalogue of most of its citizens. Mob rule prevailed and crime seemed to reign supreme, but Mr. Sweet fearlessly took up the task of restoring order and enforcing law and, absolutely fearless and loyal to duty, he made good in that respect.

In 1881 Mr. Sweet removed to Wyoming, settling on Beaver creek, in what was then Laramie county, but which later, with the division of the district, became Crook county and is now Weston county. Here he took up a homestead and began farming and at the present time he owns about five hundred acres of valuable land, in addition to which he leases an entire section of six hundred and forty acres. Upon his ranch all kinds of stock are raised, but a specialty is made of cattle. At one time Mr. Sweet was also extensively engaged in the breeding and raising of horses. He settled on Beaver creek when there were only two other settlers in this part of the state, one of these being Henry, or "Hank," Freeland and the other Coleman Flaherty, who owned the Stockade ranch. Mr. Sweet has seen this section grow into one of the most highly developed and improved districts of northeastern Wyoming and has contributed in marked measure to the changes which have been wrought and the progress that has been promoted.

On the 1st of February, 1892, Mr. Sweet was united in marriage to Frances Viola Johnston, who was born in Quaker City, Guernsey county, Ohio, July 11, 1860, a daughter of Levi and Frances Barrah (Roache) Johnston and a grand-niece of John Brown, the famous abolitionist, whose labors largely constituted the initial step in freeing the slaves, as he addressed the people in various places concerning abolition and at length forfeited his life to the cause of freedom at Harpers Ferry—one of the nation's martyrs. The father of Mrs. Sweet was born in Ohio and her mother in Pennsylvania. By a former marriage, her first husband having been W. P. Hannum, Mrs. Sweet had one daughter, Bessie Myrtle, who is now the wife of Lawrence O'Neil, of Cheyenne, and is president of the Cooks and Waiters Union of Cheyenne. They have four children. To Mr. and Mrs. Sweet have been born the following named. Stella Mae, was born in Weston county, September 26, 1892. Fred Thomas, born in Weston county, April 21, 1896, was married in Cheyenne, May 15, 1918, to Miss Zola Vivian Marvin, of Hubbell, Nebraska. Della Naomi, who was born in 1902, is a student in the Leverage school. Mrs. Sweet's parents were pioneers of Iowa, settling in Poweshiek county in 1857. There the father took up government land, upon which he remained for about a year, after which he returned to Guernsey county, Ohio, for his family. He continued in that county until 1861 and in March of that year again returned to Iowa, settling in Tama county, having previously sold his property in Poweshiek county and invested in a Tama county farm. He remained thereon until March, 1879, when he removed to Norton county, Kansas, where he resided to the time of his death, in 1909. He had for a considerable period survived his wife, who passed away in the same county in 1890. Mrs. Sweet was the eighth in order of birth in a family of nine children, as follows: Hannah, the eldest, became the wife of Jacob Furance and passed away in San Francisco, California, about the year 1804. Lewis Cass lives in Decatur county, Kansas. Henry makes his home in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Robert B. passed away in 1911. Margaret Ann became the wife of Alfred M. Marvel and died in 1913, her husband having already departed this life. Loran is a resident of Flag, Oklahoma. Perry Barker also resides

in Flagg. Mrs. Sweet is the next of the family. Malvena is the wife of Jacob Cline and they are residents of Oklahoma.

Mr. Sweet votes with the republican party but is not a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of his community and lends ready aid and cooperation to movements for the general good. His time and energies, however, have been concentrated upon his business affairs, which have been wisely and carefully directed. He has been most diligent and determined in the conduct of his business interests and his carefully directed plans have brought to him a substantial measure of success that now enables him to live retired and yet enjoy a very substantial income by reason of his judicious investments and the capable manner in which his ranching interests are conducted.

R. G. KLEEMANN.

R. G. Kleemann is a candy manufacturer of Laramie and has so directed his business interests as to win a place among the substantial merchants and citizens of his adopted city. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, April 28, 1869, a son of Rudolph G. and Sophia (Settelle) Kleemann, both of whom were natives of Germany, and a grandson of Carl Kleemann who was an officer at the battle of Waterloo and well known in the section of Germany where he resided as the proprietor of Kleemann's Inn.

In childhood the parents came to the new world, settling in the south, where they remained for a time and later became residents of Chicago. The father engaged in the manufacture of billiard tables and at the time of the great Chicago fire in October, 1871, was conducting the most extensive business of that character in the new world. The fire destroyed his plant and he lost everything. He built the first billiard tables made in America and some of the table plates which he used are still preserved by his son. Fire, however, was not the first occasion of loss to the Kleemann family, for Rudolph Kleemann had been extensively interested as a planter in the south where he lost a fortune in a cotton plantation through floods. A spirit of resolute purpose has ever characterized the Kleemann family, however, and obstacles and difficulties in their path have seemed but to serve as an impetus for renewed effort on their part. On leaving Chicago the parents of R. G. Kleemann came to Wyoming, arriving in Laramie in 1876. Here the father established a hotel, which he conducted for a year and then sold out. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to mining and was killed while inspecting a mine in April, 1879. His widow yet survives and still makes her home in Laramie. They were the parents of six children: Albert, who is a resident of Pocatello, Idaho; Charles J., also living in Pocatello; R. G., of this review; Mrs. C. J. Waechter; Agnes, who is a teacher in the schools of Laramie; and Louis F., engaged in the piano business in San Antonio, Texas.

R. G. Kleemann, the third in order of birth in the family, attended school in Laramie, where he arrived when a youth of seven years. He started in business as a candy manufacturer before he had attained his majority and since then has built up an enterprise of large proportions. He has been wonderfully successful in the conduct of his business and now enjoys an extensive wholesale and retail candy business, his trade covering Laramie and the surrounding territory. He is today one of the most successful in his line in the state. He has continuously engaged in this business for twenty-eight years and he has based his success upon the excellence of his product, his fair dealing and his reasonable prices. He purchased the building in which he now conducts business and it stands as a monument to his enterprise and well directed energy and thrift.

On the 12th of October, 1904, Mr. Kleemann was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Steltmeier, of St. Louis, Missouri, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Steltmeier, of that city. Five children have been born of this marriage: Rudolph

G., who was born in Laramie in October, 1905, and is now in the University training school; Agnes J., who was born in January, 1906, and is also a student in the University training school; Carl E., born in August, 1908, a public school pupil; Albert J., who was born in October, 1912; and Louis Harry, in May, 1916.

Fraternally Mr. Klemann is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and politically he maintains an independent attitude, voting according to the dictates of his judgment without regard to party ties. He is one of the representative citizens of Laramie, standing high in public regard and well known in trade circles throughout the state. He has never faltered in his purpose and has ever recognized the fact that when one avenue of opportunity seems closed one can carve out another path whereby he can reach the desired goal. He has ever been watchful of chances for legitimate advancement in business circles and by close application and watchfulness over every feature of his trade he has built up a gratifying business that places him among the substantial men of his section of the state.

ARTHUR H. MARBLE.

Arthur H. Marble belongs to that class of citizen who never wait for opportunity to knock twice. He may have heard the old saying that opportunity knocks but once. He never takes the risk of losing his chance and his intense activity and indefatigable enterprise have enabled him to advance steadily step by step in business connections and he is now a prominent figure in financial circles of Wyoming as the president of the Stock Growers National Bank of Cheyenne.

He was born in Butler, Missouri, on the 9th of August, 1870, and is a son of Gilbert and Almira V. (Hall) Marble. His parents on leaving Missouri removed to the Black Hills of South Dakota during the childhood days of their son Arthur and continued residents of that district until called to the home beyond. In their family were but one son and one daughter.

Arthur H. Marble pursued his education in the public schools of the Black Hills district and in young manhood entered upon his business career as a clerk with a trust company in Deadwood, South Dakota. Throughout the entire intervening period he has been identified with the banking business, with which he has become thoroughly familiar in principle and detail. He has been engaged in banking on his own account for a long period. He organized a bank at Bellefourche, South Dakota, and was its cashier for thirteen years. He then removed to Cheyenne to become vice president and manager of the Stock Growers National Bank and in 1913 was elected to the presidency, since which time he has bent his efforts to constructive work, to administrative direction and executive control. His efforts are not concentrated alone upon this institution, for he is an officer and director of a dozen or more banks scattered throughout the west and in fact is one of the leading figures in financial circles in this section of the country. He is a man of keen and ready discrimination who seems almost intuitively to recognize the possibilities and the drawbacks of every business situation. He therefore makes it his purpose to eliminate the latter and to utilize the former to the best advantage and his powers of organization have enabled him to coordinate seemingly diverse interests into a complex and unified whole. He is the bank manager for Clay, Robinson & Company, which has a large number of banks, and he makes Cheyenne his home.

In 1915 Mr. Marble was united in marriage to Miss Hilda Macauley. His political support is given to the republican party and he is well known in Masonic circles, having taken the various degrees of the York and Scottish rites, while in his life he exemplifies the beneficent spirit upon which the craft is based. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He was likewise a factor in organizing the Cheyenne Industrial Club, of which he became the first president. It was formed to advance the interests of

the city along the lines of trade and of civic improvement and the impetus which he gave it during his presidency has been continuously felt to the present time. He is also a member of the Country Club and his religious faith is indicated in his identification with the Episcopal church. He is active in all those interests which pertain to the advancement of Cheyenne or to the upbuilding of the state and is a man of marked ability that has qualified him for leadership and placed him in a prominent position among the men who are the real upbuilders of Wyoming.

HAROLD ROY HARRISON.

Harold Roy Harrison, filling the position of county clerk in Lincoln county and making his home at Kemmerer, indicates through the faithful discharge of his official duties that he regards a public office as a public trust—and no trust reposed in him is ever betrayed in the slightest degree.

A native of Utah, Mr. Harrison was born at Bountiful, Davis county, December 26, 1885. He is descended from English ancestry, the family having been founded in America by Henry J. Harrison, who came from England and made his way direct to Utah, where he worked at the mason's trade, becoming one of the pioneer settlers and promoters of the town of Bountiful. There occurred the birth of his son, Harold Henry Harrison, who was reared and educated in Utah and in young manhood took up the trade of brick and stone mason, learning the business under the direction of his father and becoming an expert workman in that line. During the period of his residence in Utah he held the record of having erected the greatest number of buildings in the state in a given period. In 1890 he removed to Wyoming, settling at Auburn, in the Star valley, where he engaged in merchandising. He has since continuously and successfully remained in that line of business and is one of the leading representatives of commercial activity in that section of the state. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster of Auburn and has since occupied the position, covering a period of twenty-seven years and holding the record of being the oldest postmaster in point of continuous service in the state. He has at all times been actuated by a public-spirited devotion to the general good and has put forth effective activity for the welfare of city and commonwealth. He established the first public bathing facilities at the Sulphur Springs, Auburn, Wyoming, and has since turned his interests there over to his sons. His political endorsement has always been given to the democratic party and he has done everything in his power to advance its welfare and promote its success. He has also been a stalwart champion of the cause of education and for many years served as school trustee. He married Clara Mould, a native of England, who at the age of seven years came to the United States with her mother, Mrs. Jane Mould, who is still living in Auburn, Wyoming, at an advanced age, being now in the seventies. The paternal grandfather of Harold R. Harrison is still a resident of Bountiful, Utah. He has reached the age of eighty-seven years and has been identified with that locality for a longer period than any other resident of the section. The maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jane Mould, was a widow at the time of her removal to the United States. She settled in Utah, so that Mrs. Harold Henry Harrison, her daughter, was reared and educated in that state. There she was married and in the intervening years she has become the mother of nine children who are yet living.

Of that family Harold Roy Harrison was the second in order of birth. He obtained a public school education in Wyoming and later became a student in the Fielding Academy at Paris, Idaho. He next attended the Brigham Young Academy at Logan, Utah, and completed his studies at the age of eighteen years save that he afterward pursued a commercial course through the International Correspondence Schools. He started out to provide for his own support on attaining his majority. Prior to that time he had engaged in missionary work



Very truly yours,

H. P. Harriman

in the south, spending two years in that part of the country with very great success. On his return from the mission field he took up the profession of teaching and for three years was principal of the schools at Thayne, in the Star valley of Wyoming, in Uinta county. He later spent two years as principal of the schools in Auburn, Wyoming, and in November, 1912, was elected county clerk, which position he is now filling for the third term, making a most creditable record in office, as is indicated by his reelections.

At the beautiful Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, Mr. Harrison was married October 6, 1906, to Miss Sarah B. Steele, a native of Utah, born in Tooele county, and a daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Steele, who were pioneer people of that county. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have been born six children: Donald, who was born in Auburn, Wyoming, October 28, 1907; Ila, born in Thayne, May 23, 1909; Blanche, born in Alpine, Idaho, June 16, 1910; Donna, born in Auburn, December 8, 1911; Letha, born in Kemmerer, February 15, 1913; and Harold, born in Kemmerer, October 12, 1914.

Harold R. Harrison is not only filling the position of county clerk but is also identified with business interests as a member of the firm of H. H. Harrison & Sons. His religious faith is that of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints and he is first councillor to the bishop of Kemmerer. Politically he has ever been a stalwart democrat and as a member of the Chamber of Commerce he is taking active and helpful part in all interests that tend to promote the progress and advance the upbuilding of city and state. He is now acting as chairman of the good roads committee of the Kemmerer Chamber of Commerce and has been a potent factor in promoting other lines which look beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities and opportunities of the future. In a word, he is a most public-spirited citizen and his fellow townsmen have the utmost confidence in his ability and in his devotion to the general good.

JUDGE VOLNEY JEAN TIDBALL.

Judge Volney Jean Tidball, judge of the second judicial district of Wyoming, while not a native of this state, has been numbered among its residents from infancy and has been closely associated with its development and upbuilding, especially in the matter of upholding its legal status.

He was born April 7, 1883, in Bozeman, Montana, a son of Lewis C. and Jennie E. (Kelly) Tidball. The father was a native of southeast Ohio, while the mother was born in southwestern Iowa, where her parents were early settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Tidball removed with their family from Montana to Sheridan, Wyoming, in 1884, and although the father was admitted to the bar of this state, he never engaged in practice. His death occurred in Bellingham, Washington, in 1917, and his widow now resides in that city.

Judge Tidball was reared and acquired his preliminary education in Sheridan, Wyoming, being graduated from the high school there with the class of 1901. He next entered the University of Wyoming and won his Bachelor of Arts degree upon graduation with the class of 1905. He further continued his studies in the University of Michigan, where he pursued a law course and received the LL. B. degree in 1908. He began the active practice of law in Laramie as a partner in the firm of Downey & Tidball in 1908 and so continued until 1912. During this period he was also secretary of the Albany Mutual Building Association from 1910 until 1912 and he served as a member of the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming from 1909 until 1913. On the 6th of January of the latter year he was appointed by Governor Carey to his present position on the district court bench as the successor of Judge Carpenter and in 1915 was elected to the office for the full term, which expires in 1921. He is proving himself the peer of the ablest members who have sat on the bench of the district courts in

Wyoming, his decisions being characterized by marked fidelity to duty and a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution.

On the 15th of July, 1913, Judge Tidball was united in marriage in Laramie to Miss Gertrude Ponting, a daughter of James and Mary Ponting, of an old and highly respected Laramie family. Mrs. Tidball was graduated from the University of Wyoming as a member of the class of 1908 and for four years was a successful teacher in the University Training School. They have become the parents of a son, Volney Jean, Jr., who was born June 28, 1917.

In politics Judge Tidball maintains an independent course but is deeply interested in all matters of progressive citizenship and served as chairman of the Second Liberty Loan drive for Albany county in 1917. He is one of the youngest men that has ever been called to the district court bench, notwithstanding which fact there have been few representatives of the district court judiciary who have displayed higher qualifications, and he is regarded as one of the eminent judges of Wyoming, recognizing fully the obligations that devolve upon him in his efforts to dispense justice between man and man. Personally he has always occupied a very high position in the estimation of his fellow townsmen from the time when he first came to Laramie as a university student. A young man of exemplary character, of upright life and high ideals, his record reflects credit and honor upon an untarnished family name.

SAMUEL BLACKHAM.

Samuel Blackham is the senior partner in the firm of Blackham & Judd, proprietors of the Rocky Mountain Livery & Garage at Evanston. He was born December 23, 1860, at West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

His father, the late Samuel Blackham, was a native of England and came to America at the age of twenty-one years. He established his home in Pennsylvania, where he resided until the latter part of 1861. The year 1862 witnessed his arrival in Utah and in 1868 and 1869 he was employed by the Union Pacific Railway Company on the construction of its line through Echo canyon. On the 2d of October, 1870, he removed with his family to Evanston and was employed at the trade of stone mason and plasterer in connection with the construction of the Union Pacific roundhouse at Evanston. He was also engaged for many years in the contracting business in the construction of homes, doing the masonry and plastering work, being a pioneer in that line of activity in Evanston, which was a tent city at the time of his arrival. He built many of the city's best homes and was actively identified with the improvement and development of the city and surrounding country. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party in his early life, but later he affiliated with the republican party and gave to it his stalwart support. His religious belief was that of the Episcopal church, in the faith of which he passed away in April, 1913, when seventy-six years of age. He remained an active factor in the business life of Evanston for a considerable period but spent his last ten years in retirement, enjoying a rest which he had truly earned and richly deserved. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Lamb and was a native of London, England. She came to America with her mother, who crossed the Atlantic to join her husband. Mrs. Blackham was at that time a maiden of fifteen years and on the 1st of March, 1859, in St. Joseph, Missouri, she became the wife of Samuel Blackham. She still survives and yet makes her home in Evanston, where she has resided from early pioneer times. She has become the mother of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters. Of this number four have passed away, three of them dying in childhood, while one son reached young manhood, being twenty-four years of age at the time of his demise.

Samuel Blackham, the eldest of the family, was educated in the public schools of Evanston and in night schools. His opportunities, however, for

attending school were somewhat limited and it has been by reason of study, observation and experience that he has become the well informed man that he is. At the age of fifteen he started to work in the shops of the Union Pacific Railroad Company with a view of becoming a machinist and boiler-maker. He served for two and a half years and then took up firing on the railroad, spending three and a half years in that connection, after which he was promoted to the position of locomotive engineer and was thus in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company for nineteen years save one month. Ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account, he severed his connection with the railroad company and established a livery and garage in 1907. This was before he left the railroad service and for a time the business was conducted by his brother-in-law, Mr. Judd. At first only a livery business was carried on, but after several years the scope of the business was extended to include the sale of the Maxwell and Carter cars and automobile supplies, gas and oil. Mr. Blackham now conducts the leading garage and livery barn in this section of the state. His building is seventy-five by seventy-five feet, two stories in height. It is a solid concrete structure and was erected in 1908 at a cost of fifteen thousand dollars, being built especially for the purpose for which it is used. Mr. Blackham now devotes his entire time and attention to this business and his concentration of purpose and indefatigable energy have been salient features in his growing success.

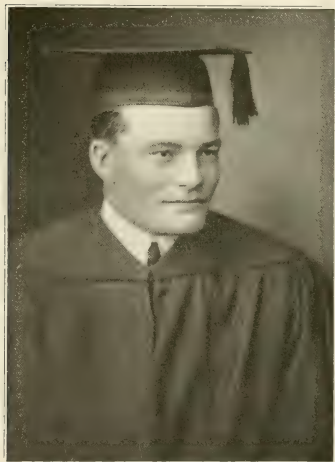
On the 1st of March, 1886, Mr. Blackham was married in Granger, Wyoming, to Miss Lottie Walton, a native of Utah and a daughter of the late Darwin Walton, who passed away in August, 1917, at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a pioneer in the states of Utah and of Idaho and for forty years was a resident of Cleveland, Idaho, there remaining until called to the home beyond. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lottie O'Neal, is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Blackham have been born three daughters and a son: Lydia; Alfred Samuel, who is now a sergeant in Company E of the Wyoming National Guard; Bessie, who is a teacher in the public schools of Evanston; and Olive, who is attending school. The three eldest children were born in Utah and the last named in Evanston.

Mr. Blackham is a stalwart republican in his political views. He served as deputy assessor for three terms and as assessor for one term. He has also been a member of the city council of Evanston for twelve years and has ever been active in public affairs and civic matters, his influence always being on the side of progress and improvement. As a public official he has exercised his prerogatives in support of many plans that have been of great benefit to the city. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to the lodge, chapter, the Knights Templar and to the Mystic Shrine. He is also an honorary member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal church and its teachings have guided him in all of his life's relations, making him a man whom to know is to esteem and honor.

GILEY RICHARD McCONNELL.

Actively identified with a profession which has ever been regarded as having marked bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any community, Giley Richard McConnell is now numbered among the capable attorneys at law of Laramie, where he is accorded a large and distinctively representative clientele, to the interests of which he is most loyal.

He was born in Goodman, Kansas, January 29, 1889, a son of the late Allen McConnell, a native of Ireland, who in young manhood came to America when twenty years of age. This was about 1875. He settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he resided until the latter part of the '80s and then removed to Kansas. In the early '90s he became a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado,



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where he engaged in the plastering business, there residing until his death, which occurred in 1910, when he was fifty-five years of age. He wedded Mary Green, a native of Kansas and a representative of one of the pioneer families of that state. She is now living in Houston, Texas, and she, too, is of Irish lineage.

G. R. McConnell of this review was the eldest in a family of three children. His sister, May McConnell, died in June, 1915, and the other sister, Abbie, is the wife of Earl White, a resident of Laramie. Mr. McConnell obtained his education in the public schools of Fort Lupton, Colorado. He was twelve years of age when he was placed in the home of Van B. Kelsey, a Colorado pioneer of 1858, who was a highly honored and respected citizen and an influential factor in civic and political affairs of the state. Mr. McConnell remained as a ward of Mr. Kelsey until he reached the age of twenty years and during that period pursued his education in the schools of Fort Lupton. He then started out to provide for his own support and to further his education. With a cash capital of but eighty-five dollars he entered the University of Colorado at Boulder and immediately deposited seventy-five dollars of that amount toward his tuition. He scorned no honest work that would add to his income, earning the balance of his money needed for his tuition and other expenses by working as a bell boy, in a pantatorium, also by washing dishes and doing other such tasks as came to hand. He never faltered in his purpose to prepare for a professional career, and in 1914 was graduated with the LL. B. degree. Of such stuff are made our most successful men and prominent lawyers. It is a well known fact that under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of opposition the best and strongest in man is brought out and developed, and Mr. McConnell proved the strength of his character in the manner in which he provided for his education. Immediately after his graduation he removed to Laramie, where he arrived on the 23d of June, 1914. He at once entered upon active practice and on the 15th of April, 1915, received a state certificate allowing him to practice in all the courts. He has since continued a very active and progressive member of the Wyoming bar, giving his attention to the general practice of law, while his ability has brought him into close connection with much important litigation tried in the courts of the southern part of the state. He belongs to the Albany County Bar Association, of which he has served as secretary and treasurer, and also to the State Bar Association of Wyoming. Aside from his profession he has business interests as secretary of the Hutton Lake Oil & Gas Company.

On the 20th of September, 1914, Mr. McConnell was married by the Rev. S. A. Houston, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in St. Mark's Episcopal church, to Miss Hazel O. Pritchard, a native of Colorado and a daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Gale) Pritchard. Her father was one of the pioneer farmers of Colorado and died in 1912, but her mother is still living and now makes her home in Gilchrist, Colorado. She was born in England, of which country the father was also a native. From her mother Mrs. McConnell has received a rare collection of gifts which have been presented to her by a brother who served Queen Victoria as chief electrician at Windsor Castle and who had received these gifts from the Queen. The collection is one which Mrs. McConnell naturally values very highly. By her marriage she has become the mother of a daughter, Maxine Elizabeth, who was born in Laramie, March 4, 1917.

In his political views Mr. McConnell is a democrat and has been quite active in local and state politics. In November, 1916, he was elected to the office of county prosecuting attorney of Albany county and is occupying that position at the present time. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World and he has membership with the Rangers and the Alpha Sigma Phi. His religious faith is indicated through his membership in St. Matthew's cathedral, of which he is now serving for the second term as one of the vestrymen. His chief diversion comes through hunting and fishing. He is a trained athlete and played on two Rocky Mountain football teams while in college and has established quite a reputation in the field of sports in the west. He is also known as a scientific

boxer and has taken part in many noted bouts with those who are skilled in the use of the padded glove. In 1914 he served as assistant coach in the University of Wyoming and in 1915 as coach for the Laramie high school football team and was instrumental in placing the team in the first rank in the state. He recognizes the fact that to play well is next in importance to working well, yet he allows nothing to interfere with the faithful performance of his professional duties and his devotion to his clients' interests has become proverbial. He is today one of the able lawyers of Laramie, with wide and comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence.

GEORGE R. BRINGHURST.

George R. Bringhurst, postmaster of Lovell, Wyoming, is a native of Utah, his birth having occurred in Toquerville, Washington county, on the 3d of March, 1876, his parents being Judge William A. and Selinda Palmer Bringhurst, who were natives of Pennsylvania. They became residents of Utah in 1847, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of the state. In 1857 William A. Bringhurst served in the Echo Canyon campaign under Captain D. D. McArthur, and in 1862 he enlisted in the famous Lot Smith's company to guard the United States mails from the depredations of the Indians. He drew a pension from the government for the latter service. The father removed to southern Utah with his family in 1866 arriving at Toquerville in May of that year, and became one of the first settlers of Washington county. In 1874 he was appointed bishop of the Toquerville ward in the Mormon church which position he still held at the time of his death, having filled the position with honor and having become well known throughout the entire southern part of Utah as an honest, earnest man, seeking only the right and aiding others at every opportunity. Following the establishment of his home in Washington county, he there resided until his death, which occurred on March 8, 1912. He had long survived his wife who passed away in 1891. In their family were ten children, eight of whom are yet living.

George R. Bringhurst was reared in his native county and is indebted to its public school system for the educational opportunities which he enjoyed in early youth. He also attended the branch of the State University at Cedar City and the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah, and later held several positions of responsibility, both civil and ecclesiastical in his native state. He dates his residence in Wyoming from January, 1915. In 1917, he was appointed postmaster in Lovell, which position he is now acceptably filling, discharging his duties promptly and systematically. He is also a bishop of the Mormon church and is thus active in the material, political and moral progress of the community.

In 1902 Mr. Bringhurst was married to Miss Lulu Harrison, a native of Utah, and to them have been born three children: Carma, who was born July 25, 1912; G. Heber, born June 3, 1915; and Max H., born September 3, 1917. The family is well and favorably known in this locality and warm regard is entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Bringhurst by their circle of friends, which is almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

EDGAR R. ROUSE.

Edgar R. Rouse, filling the position of clerk of the district court at Douglas, was born in Jefferson, Wisconsin, on the 3d of February, 1882, and was the only child of Willard H. and Ledia B. (Rouse) Rouse, who although of the same name were not related. It was in the year 1886 that the father brought his family to Wyoming and established his home in Douglas, where he conducted business as a

contractor, engaging actively in that line until his death, which occurred in 1905. He is still survived by his widow, who makes her home in Douglas.

Edgar R. Rouse was only four years of age when brought by his parents to Wyoming, so that practically his entire life has been passed in this state. He acquired his education in the schools of Douglas, passing through consecutive grades to the high school, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He was afterward employed in a clerical capacity in stores of Douglas for a number of years, but in 1898 he put aside all business and personal consideration to espouse the cause of his country, which was calling for military aid in the struggle with Spain. He joined the volunteer forces and spent eighteen months in active service in the Philippines as a member of Company F of the First Wyoming Infantry. He did active duty in the Orient and then when the country no longer needed his aid returned to Wyoming. Reentering the store, he was thus connected with commercial pursuits until the 1st of November, 1916, when he was elected to his present position as clerk of the district court. He entered upon the duties of the office on the 1st of January, 1917, and in the year which has since intervened has made an excellent record by the prompt and faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties. He is thoroughly systematic and his work has received high endorsement from members of the court.

On the 12th of February, 1907, Mr. Rouse was united in marriage to Miss Edith Goddard and to them have been born three daughters, Dorothy, Marjorie and Isabelle. Mr. Rouse is a member of the Masonic lodge of Douglas and is also identified with the Commercial Club, being deeply interested in all of its well defined plans and purposes for the upbuilding of the city. He votes with the republican party, which has received his allegiance since he reached adult age. His fellow townsmen, appreciative of his worth, have several times called him to public office and he has served as city treasurer, while at the present time he is filling the position of city clerk as well as that of clerk of the district court. He is a public-spirited man who throughout his entire life has ever recognized the obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship.

E. A. WALLACE.

Prominent among the energetic, farsighted and successful business men of Rawlins is E. A. Wallace, who is proprietor of one of the oldest grocery establishments in the city. He is also connected with real estate interests, with coal mining and with the live stock industry. In a word, he is a forceful and resourceful man who readily adapts his powers to the demands of a business situation and carefully guides it to success. He has long been a resident of Wyoming, but for a still longer period the family name has been interwoven with the history of the state.

On the 12th of October, 1867, a little cavalcade wended its way across the plains and reached the site of the present city of Rawlins. The personnel comprised General Dodge, president of the Union Pacific Railway Company; General Rawlins of the Western Division of the United States Army, and John Wallace, master of transportation for the United States government, together with a company of United States regulars as an escort and an army ambulance as a travel train. They journeyed westward over the proposed line of the Union Pacific and camped on the present site of Rawlins, and in close proximity to a cold, clear spring. These gentlemen, General Dodge in particular, were seeking a division point and a favorable location for railroad shops. On discovering the fresh spring of water, the first that he had seen for many days, General Dodge exclaimed to Mr. Wallace: "This is the ideal spot for a division point for our road! Now, what shall we name this point?" Mr. Wallace, glancing over at General Rawlins, who was lying in his tent, indisposed, said: "Let us name it Rawlins' Spring," which was done and by that name the district was



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known until the government, having trouble over mail matters on account of the fact that Rock Springs was also used as the name of a Wyoming town, dropped the name of Springs from the city of Rawlins. John Wallace, the master of transportation for the United States government, remained here for a number of years and later he, with a companion, journeyed to Mexico and on the return trip brought a large flock of sheep, which was the pioneer movement in the establishment of the sheep industry in this state. Mr. Wallace became a very successful sheep raiser and continued in the business until the severe winter in which the intense cold killed off his flock of fifteen thousand sheep, causing him heavy losses. He then returned to Omaha, where he resided until the time of his demise. He was an uncle of E. A. Wallace of this review, and thus the family name has been associated with the development and upbuilding of Rawlins from its earliest inception.

E. A. Wallace is today known as the pioneer grocer of Rawlins and is a prominent business man, connected with stock raising and with real estate interests, holding much property in Rawlins and in Carbon county. He was born in Leavenworth, Kansas, December 10, 1861, a son of Thomas and Katherine (Quinn) Wallace, the former a native of Tipperary, Ireland, while the latter was born in Waterford, Ireland. They came to America in early life, settling in Kansas in 1856. There the father took up government land near Leavenworth which he afterward divided up and sold to people who came to America from the Emerald isle. Later he engaged in the produce business, which he continued to follow until his demise, which occurred in 1894, when he had reached the age of sixty-two years. His wife had passed away in Kansas in 1872. In their family were five children: Thomas and John, twins, who died within a year of each other, one passing away in October, 1891, and the other early in October, 1892; A. P. Wallace, who is a furniture dealer of Leavenworth, Kansas; Mrs. Thomas Grogan, whose husband is division master mechanic for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company at Oakland, California; and E. A., of this review.

The last named was the fourth in order of birth in the family. In his boyhood days he attended the parochial schools in Leavenworth, Kansas, after which he came to Rawlins, his brothers having preceded him here in 1879. They established the Wallace Grocery and E. A. Wallace became associated with them. Following the death of his brothers he assumed entire charge of the business, which he has since carefully and successfully conducted, having one of the oldest and one of the largest business enterprises of this character in Rawlins. He also became interested in stock raising and now has a large and valuable ranch in Carbon county. He has other ownership interests in the state, consisting in considerable city property and mining property, including a valuable coal mine located three and a half miles west of Rawlins, in which he is a stockholder. Upon his land are veins of coal sufficient to supply the city of Rawlins for years and years to come and when the mines are in full operation the owners expect to sell the coal to the people of the city at a little more than the cost of production.

Mr. Wallace is a republican in his political views and fraternally is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church and he was made a member of the building committee during the erection of the church edifice, which was erected at a cost of thirty thousand dollars. He assumed personal charge of the work and saw it substantially completed. He has ever been one of the liberal contributors to anything calculated to advance the interests of his church, which was one of the first Catholic churches of the state. Mr. Wallace has never married and since his brothers' death he has been a father to the children who were left fatherless in that way. He has provided them with every advantage, educational and otherwise. The two daughters of his brothers are now residents of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. Wallace provides them liberally with everything necessary for their comfort and welfare and makes many trips to the Pacific coast to look after their interests.

He is charitable to a fault, giving freely and generously where aid is needed, avoiding ostentation or display. He is very popular with his fellowmen, who appreciate his business ability, his public spirit and his devotion to the general good. He is a man of splendid business capacity and of power and he has wisely used his talents, so the most envious cannot grudge him his success, so worthily has it been won and so generously has it been used in rendering assistance to others.

WILLIS JENSEN.

Various business enterprises center in Laramie and contribute to the material development and progress of the city. Active as the head of one of these is Willis Jensen, who is now proprietor of the interests conducted under the name of the Laramie Furniture Company.

He was born in Viborg, Denmark, November 17, 1865, a son of Annis and Mary (Madsen) Jensen both of whom were natives of Denmark, where they spent their entire lives. The father followed the occupation of farming and passed away in his native village in 1905 at the advanced age of eighty-six years, while his wife reached an even greater age, passing away December 1, 1916, after attaining the ninety-second milestone on life's journey. She was the mother of eleven children.

Willis Jensen, who was the seventh in order of birth in that family, acquired his education in the public schools of Viborg and spent his early life to the age of fifteen years upon the home farm. He then started out in the world independently and was apprenticed for a term of three years to a black-and locksmith, thoroughly learning those trades. After his apprenticeship was completed he continued to work along those lines for two years and later spent one year in military service. He then determined to try his fortune in the new world and crossed the Atlantic to America, where he arrived on the 2d of June, 1889. He at once made his way westward to Grand Island, Nebraska, and a few days later removed to Cheyenne, where he spent one month, being employed by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He continued in the service of that company, however, for six months at Red Butte, Albany county, after which he removed to Rock Springs and there remained for three years, following his trade of blacksmithing in the employ of the Union Pacific Coal Company. From Rock Springs he returned to Cheyenne, where he was employed for two years in the shops of the Union Pacific, working at his trade, after which he came to Laramie and accepted a position in the Laramie rolling mills, where he continued until the plant was destroyed by fire. On the 1st of January, 1896, he established a coal business, taking orders on the street. He had only a small space for his office in the store of the Laramie Grocery Company and he drove his own wagon. He continued in the coal trade for two years and then purchased the mercantile establishment of the Davis estate—a stock of second hand furniture. This stock was purchased under the firm name of Crawford & Jensen and the partnership continued for eighteen months, when Mr. Jensen bought out his partner's interest and organized his business under the present firm style of the Laramie Furniture Company. On the 11th of January, 1905, the building which he occupied was destroyed by fire and it was covered with but little insurance, proving a most serious loss. In that year, however, Mr. Jensen purchased the site of his present building at No. 311 Second street, South, and in 1907 he purchased the adjoining lot and on the first lot erected his present building, in which he is now conducting his furniture store. He has built up a large trade in this connection and carries an attractive line of furniture of modern manufacture. His business methods are thoroughly reliable and his enterprise has brought to him a very gratifying trade.

On the 10th of May, 1893, Mr. Jensen was married in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Miss Gina Christensen, a native of Denmark and a daughter of James Christensen. They have become the parents of four children, three of whom are living, Clarence A., Walter J. and Clarissa M.

In politics Mr. Jensen maintains an independent course, giving his support to the men whom he deems best qualified for office. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Elks and the Woodmen of the World and he belongs to the Evangelical Trinity Lutheran church, in which he served as a member of the council for fifteen years. He is identified with the Laramie Chamber of Commerce and does everything in his power to aid in the development and progress of his city. When he arrived in America his entire cash capital was eleven dollars. His success has been due entirely to his own efforts and the assistance and encouragement of his wife, who has indeed been a helpmate to him. He started in his present business with a cash capital of three hundred and twenty-five dollars and from that point has won pronounced success, being today one of the prosperous merchants and men of affluence in Laramie.

MRS. MARY A. SYDENHAM.

In a history of the growth and development of Laramie mention should be made of the private hospital formerly owned and conducted by Mrs. Mary A. Sydenham, an institution which was the first of its kind in Albany county and which has become of great worth to the city.

Mrs. Sydenham was a native of Pennsylvania, her birth having occurred in Bradford county, May 20, 1856. Her parents were M. N. and Fayette Reeves, both of whom were natives of the state of New York. Leaving the east, they removed to Alma City, Nebraska, where the father, who made farming his life work, passed away. The mother afterward married again and spent her last days in Lawton, Oklahoma. To Mr. and Mrs. Reeves were born eight children, of whom Mrs. Sydenham was the fourth in order of birth.

She attended the country schools of Nebraska, being reared in that state, and in Island county, Nebraska, in the town of Alma, she became the wife of Charles Sydenham, their marriage being celebrated in May, 1872. His parents were of English birth and he became a well known farmer of Nebraska, his death occurring in Kearney, that state, in 1914. To Mr. and Mrs. Sydenham were born five children. Rev. Joseph Sydenham, who was born in Nebraska in 1873 and is now a minister of the United Brethren church, is married and makes his home in Broken Bow, Nebraska. He has become the father of four children, Grace, Carl, Vera and Verne. The second of the family is Mrs. Pit Caithley, who is a resident of Beatrice, Nebraska, and has two children, Alexander and Lawrence. The third of the family is Miss Blanche Sydenham, who is a teacher at Elk Mountain, Wyoming. The fourth member, Mrs. Maude Markham, is living in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has two children, Faith and Noble. Vera, the youngest of the family, was born in Nebraska and is a well known graduate nurse, following her profession in connection with the private hospital founded by her mother at No. 264 North Second street in Laramie, and of which Miss Vera is now superintendent.

For some time after her husband's death Mrs. Sydenham remained in Nebraska and continued to conduct the home farm, but eventually sold the property there and removed to Laramie, where she took up her abode in 1907. Here she built a home which for a time she conducted as a boarding house, but at length transformed it into a private hospital beginning work in that connection in 1912. She afterward carried on this institution as a private hospital and was very successful. The hospital has the endorsement of the leading physicians of the city and is liberally patronized. Everything is conducted along the most



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sanitary and scientific lines and her labors not only brought to her success but have proven a boon to mankind in this locality, offering an excellent place for medical treatment and care under the supervision of most competent surgeons. Mrs. Sydenham died on December 22, 1917, at Laramie, and the remains were interred at Axtell, Nebraska. With her passed one of the useful personalities in the life of her city, her death causing sincere sorrow to many who benefited by her ministrations and who had become her friends under the touch of her motherly kindness, which was part of her nature.

JOSEPH H. JACOBUCCI.

Joseph H. Jacobucci, actively identified with business interests in Rawlins, is occupying the responsible position of manager of the Rawlins Light & Fuel Company and is also the president of the Auto Goods Company. Throughout his active business career he has made wise use of his time, talents and opportunities and has steadily worked his way upward.

As the name indicates, he is of Italian birth, having been born at Spineta, near the city of Rome, June 4, 1879, his parents being John and Lucia (Campanella) Jacobucci. They came to America when their son, Joseph H., was but a little child and settled north of Denver, where the father engaged in farming and still makes his home. His wife, however, passed away in Colorado in 1914. In their family were seven children: Frank; Silvy; Marie, living in Brighton, Colorado; Madeline; Rose; and Theresa.

The other member of the family is Joseph Jacobucci of this review, who pursued his education in the public schools of Salt Lake City, Utah, after which he became a resident of Colorado and worked on his father's farm. He was also employed in coal mines in the northern part of the state, being located at different periods in Lewisville and in Marshall. He left the coal mines to attend school at Boulder, Colorado, for he had come to a full realization of the value of more advanced education as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. In 1902 he entered the State Preparatory School and afterward became a student in the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he pursued the electrical engineering course, winning his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1908. Thus splendidly trained for work in that direction, he came to Rawlins in June, 1908, and entered the employ of the Rawlins Electric Light & Fuel Company as a meter man. He continued in that position for three years, during which time his increasing capabilities and power won recognition on the part of the company and he was promoted to the office of manager, which position he has since filled. In addition to his work in connection with the electric light company he is well known in business circles of Rawlins as president of the Auto Goods Company, of which he was one of the organizers in the spring of 1917. This company is operating extensively and now has stores in five different cities between Cheyenne and Evans-ton, Wyoming. Mr. Jacobucci is also president of the Green River Light & Power Company, having purchased a large interest in the business in 1917.

On the 6th of July, 1913, Mr. Jacobucci was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Friend, of Rawlins, Wyoming, and they have become the parents of two children: Joseph Friend, who was born in Rawlins, March 27, 1914; and John Rhea, born in Rawlins, July 5, 1916. Mrs. Jacobucci comes from one of the oldest families in Wyoming, being a daughter of Hon. John C. Friend who is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Politically Mr. Jacobucci is independent, not caring to ally himself with any party but voting according to the dictates of his judgment principally considering the qualifications of a candidate. Fraternally he is a Mason and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. Starting

out in life at an early age empty-handed, he has steadily progressed, utilizing the opportunities for securing an advanced education and making for himself a most creditable place in the business world. He is far sighted, possesses marked persistency of purpose and since assuming his present duties at Rawlins has developed the electric light and fuel plant into one of the best in the state. He is thoroughly familiar with every phase of the business in principle and detail and his knowledge and experience are such as to enable him to speak with authority upon any phase of the work. His laudable ambition prompted the extension of his efforts into other fields and he is now president of the Auto Goods Company, which is operating extensively in Wyoming and is meeting with substantial success, its patronage increasing rapidly. Mr. Jacobucci has recently erected one of the most attractive homes in Rawlins, at the corner of Eighth and Maple streets, which serves as the family residence.

DAVE HOPKINS.

Dave Hopkins is possessed in substantial measure of that quality which for want of a better term has been called commercial sense. He is a well known jeweler of Green River, where he is building up a business of gratifying and substantial proportions.

He was born in Carbon, Wyoming, December 13, 1887, a son of the late David W. Hopkins, who was a native of Wales and who in young manhood left that little rock-ribbed country to cross the Atlantic to America with his parents, who first located in Illinois. David W. Hopkins, who was at the time thirteen years of age, afterward completed his education in Kingston, Illinois. He then took up coal mining and throughout his entire life was identified with mining interests. For a long period he remained in Illinois but in 1884 removed westward to Wyoming, settling at Carbon. His last days were spent in Rock Springs, where he died at the age of sixty-three years, being called to his final rest in January, 1912. He was quite active in politics as a supporter of the republican party and he stood as a loyal advocate of all civic interests tending to advance the general progress and improvement. He belonged to the Church of the Latter-Day Saints. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Jones, was born in Illinois, her parents being natives of Wales. Mrs. Hopkins is still living and makes her home in Rock Springs. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, four of whom survive.

Dave Hopkins, whose name introduces this review, acquired a public school education in Rock Springs and when a lad of twelve years accepted a position as messenger boy with the Western Union at that place, receiving a wage of fifteen dollars per month. Later he was employed in connection with various mercantile establishments and at length entered upon an apprenticeship to J. W. Crocker, the leading jeweler of Rock Springs, under whose direction he acquainted himself with all branches of the jewelry trade. He likewise studied for a time with the firm of Tarbox & Gordon at Omaha, Nebraska, and at the Bradley Institute in Peoria, Illinois, he completed his trade. In 1911 he came to Green River, where he entered the store of Frank R. Crocker and eventually he purchased the business, becoming owner in August, 1916. This he has since successfully conducted. He has a well appointed store, carrying an attractive line of jewelry, and his success is growing month by month.

On the 10th of May, 1909, in Green River, Mr. Hopkins was married to Miss Lena Tolton, a daughter of Edward H. and Emma (Robinson) Tolton, who were pioneers of Wyoming, becoming very prominent in Green River. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have two daughters: Margaret, who was born May 23, 1910, in Green River; and Grace Elizabeth, born June 21, 1912.

Mr. Hopkins votes with the republican party, which he has supported since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He served as town clerk in

1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, making an excellent record by the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharged his duties. He has membership with the Elks lodge at Rock Springs. Starting out in life a poor boy, he has advanced steadily, the course of his orderly progression being easily discernible. Laudable ambition has been one of the basic principles of his business career and persistency of purpose has enabled him to overcome difficulties and obstacles. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

CHARLES W. MESSENGER.

Charles W. Messenger, filling the office of sheriff of Converse county and a well known citizen of Douglas, was born in Essex county, New York, on the 16th of June, 1858, a son of Henry and Louise (Jordan) Messenger. The father came west to Iowa in 1864, but the mother passed away in New York.

Charles W. Messenger was a little lad of but six years at the time of the removal of the family to Iowa and in the rural schools of that state pursued his education. He was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops, and after his textbooks were put away he engaged in farming in Iowa for a few years on his own account. In 1884 he removed westward to Wyoming, locating at Bar M cow outfit, Thirty Mile Ranch. He was employed on the ranch for some time, after which he engaged in freighting for several years. He afterward purchased a transfer business in Douglas and at the present time he is concentrating his efforts and attention upon public office. He was elected sheriff of Converse county and has been five times reelected to that position, while for two years he acted as deputy. No other incumbent in the office has served for so long a period and the record of none has been more faultless in honor, fearlessness in conduct or stainless in reputation.

In 1882 Mr. Messenger was united in marriage to Miss May Newell, a native of Iowa, and they have become the parents of a son and three daughters, namely: Lottie, deceased; Sadie, now Mrs. Harry Harvey, of Hollywood, California; Charles Francis, also of Hollywood, California; and Esther, now Mrs. William Paxton Irvine, of Hollywood, California.

Mr. Messenger is a republican in his political views, having always given stanch support to the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is a member of the Masonic lodge of Douglas and of the Woodmen of the World. His official record is indeed creditable. He never falters in the performance of any duty and neither fear nor favor can swerve him from a course which he believes to be right. As a public official he is well known throughout Converse county and that his fellow townsmen entertain for him the warmest regard and have the most implicit confidence in his ability and trustworthiness is indicated in the fact that he has been five times elected to his present position.

BERTRAM F. EARLY.

Bertram F. Early, a well known merchant of Laramie engaged in the furniture and hardware trade, was born in Wabash, Indiana, December 20, 1871, a son of J. C. and Frances (Glenn) Early, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In early life, however, they removed to Indiana and in 1883 became residents of Kansas, where the father engaged in farming, devoting his remaining days to that pursuit. He passed away in March, 1912, at the age of sixty-seven, while his widow still survives and is a resident of Jackson county. In their family were seven children:



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Charles Early, now residing in Laramie; Mrs. Belle Karnes, whose home is in Council Grove, Kansas; Mrs. Sadie Spencer, living in Elgin, Oklahoma; Don; Robert; and Ida. The last named occupies the family residence in Kansas.

Bertram F. Early, the eldest of this family, in his boyhood days lived with his grandfather, William Glenn, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, there acquiring an education. In 1898 he went to Kansas, remaining in that state until 1900, when he removed to southwestern Colorado, settling in San Juan county, where he continued for two years. He was there engaged in mining and in the lumber business and in 1903 he removed to Fort Collins, Colorado, where he turned his attention to a livery business, which he conducted for three years. On the expiration of that period he sold out and afterward conducted a livery at Ault, Colorado, which he also later sold. He then turned his attention to farming in the vicinity of Greeley, Colorado, where he remained for two years. In 1910 he arrived in Laramie and entered the employ of the W. H. Holliday Company in the lumber yard. Later he was employed as a clerk in the Albany Mercantile Company. While thus engaged he became well known to the public and on the 20th of October, 1911, he embarked in business on his own account by establishing his present store, in which he carries an extensive line of furniture and stoves. In the intervening period of six years he has built up a business of gratifying proportions. Although he started in a small way, his trade has gradually increased and while his first day's receipts were only six dollars, the volume of his business has so grown that today it is among the leading of its kind in Laramie. He has ever recognized the fact that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement and as the years have gone on he has put forth every effort to please his patrons, while his fair prices and honorable dealing have been salient features in his growing success.

On the 30th of December, 1903, Mr. Early was united in marriage in Denver, Colorado, to Miss Louise Covington, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Covington, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. They have one child, Francis Early, who was born in December, 1904, at Fort Collins, Colorado.

In his political views Mr. Early is a republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office as a reward for party fealty. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Laramie and with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He is a man of genuine personal worth, held in high regard by all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his many sterling qualities. He stands at all times for progress and improvement in public affairs and is ever willing to lend his hearty aid and cooperation to movements for the general good. As a business man, too, he has made an excellent record, wisely using his talents and his opportunities, and step by step he has advanced until he now ranks with the substantial and valued representatives of commercial activity in Laramie.

LEE W. STOREY, M. D.

Dr. Lee W. Storey, who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Douglas, ranking with the leading and representative physicians of that part of the state, was born in Salix, Iowa, on the 9th of April, 1891, a son of George E. and Emma (Merrill) Storey. While spending his youthful days under the parental roof he became a pupil in the public schools of Salix and ultimately reached the high school, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He continued his education in Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska, where he prepared for the practice of medicine and surgery and was graduated with the class of 1914. He then put his theoretical training to the practical test by serving for a year in St. Luke's Hospital at Denver, Colorado, while later he spent two years as chief resident physician in the City & County Hospital of Denver. In that way he gained broad and valuable experience and on the 1st of January, 1917, came

to Douglas, where he opened an office. He is now physician for both the Northwestern and for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Companies at Douglas and while he has resided in this locality for only a brief period he has already gained a good practice which is steadily increasing.

On the 7th of February, 1917, Dr. Storey was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Hopkins. They have gained a wide acquaintance in Douglas and the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city is freely accorded them. The Doctor votes with the democratic party but has never been an office seeker, preferring to concentrate his time and energies upon his professional interests and duties. He keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought, progress and investigation through his membership in the Wyoming State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

FRANK D. SPAFFORD.

Frank D. Spafford, secretary and treasurer of the Laramie Republican, started out in the business world on his own account when a youth of fourteen years and early entered upon an apprenticeship to the printer's trade, with which he has since been identified, working his way upward step by step through the stages of an orderly progression until he is now prominently connected with newspaper publication.

He was born October 20, 1866, in Fremont, Nebraska, a son of William H. Spafford, a native of New York and a representative of an old New England family of English descent. The founder of the American branch of the family came to the new world about fifty years after the first landing of the Pilgrims. William H. Spafford is a pioneer of Nebraska and of Wyoming and assisted in the building of the first line of the Western Union Telegraph Company from the Missouri river to Denver, Colorado. He was connected with the Western Union for a period of thirty years during the early days in the construction department and afterward in charge of various offices in Wyoming and Nebraska. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops and served in the First Ohio Artillery until disabled at the battle of Shiloh. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is now living retired from active business and makes his home in Oregon. He married Phoebe Day, a native of Michigan, who was of English descent. She was born in 1846 and died in 1902. In the family were thirteen children.

Frank D. Spafford, who was the eldest, pursued his education in the public schools of Wyoming and started out to provide for his own support when a youth of fourteen years. He was first employed in a drug store, having determined to follow that occupation as a life work, but he did not find it congenial and a year later he entered the printing business in the office of the Laramie Sentinel and there served an apprenticeship, working also on the Laramie Times. He has continued to follow his trade from 1880 to the present and in 1896 he became part owner of the Laramie Republican, on which paper he had first been employed in 1890. On the 7th of February, 1905, the business was incorporated and Mr. Spafford became secretary and treasurer of the company, which position he still fills. There is no phase of the printing business with which he is not thoroughly familiar and he is well qualified to undertake the executive work which falls upon him in this connection.

In 1891 Mr. Spafford was married in Laramie, Wyoming, to Miss Anna R. Washburn, a native of Nebraska and a daughter of C. D. M. Washburn, a pioneer of Grand Island, and of Mary J. (Martin) Washburn. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living. To Mr. and Mrs. Spafford have been born two children: Frank W., who was born in Laramie April 27, 1892; and Mary O., born in 1894.

In politics Mr. Spafford has always been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge and to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and he has membership with the Commercial Club of Laramie. He stands for progress and improvement along all lines which lead to the city's upbuilding and development and in matters of citizenship he is actuated by the same spirit of progressiveness that has characterized him in his business career. What he has purposed and planned he has accomplished, never stopping short of successful fulfillment and ever recognizing the fact that when one avenue of opportunity seems closed he can carve out other paths whereby he can reach the desired goal.

JOHN W. ROBERTSON.

John W. Robertson, well known in Lovell and Bighorn county, is engaged in farming and stock raising, while in the town he devotes his attention to the implement business. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 6, 1852, and is a son of William and Eliza (Woodyatt) Robertson, who were natives of Scotland and of England, respectively. Coming to America, the mother in 1842 and the father in 1850, they were afterward married in Iowa and in 1852 removed westward to Utah, where they spent their remaining days. They had a family of eleven children, eight of whom are now living.

John W. Robertson was reared in Utah and pursued his education in its public schools. He resided in his native state until 1900 and after his textbooks were put aside followed the blacksmith's trade, working along that line until he removed to Wyoming. After establishing his home within the borders of this state he turned his attention to the live stock business and to farming and about a year ago established an implement business in Lovell which he has since successfully conducted. His activities have largely been of a character that have contributed to public progress and improvement as well as to individual success. He has been one of the promoters of the canal at Lovell and is now a director in three irrigation companies—important factors in the reclamation of the arid lands of the state.

In 1877 Mr. Robertson was married to Miss Lucy H. Snell, a native of Utah, and to them have been born fifteen children, namely: Ethel; Cyrus; Archibald; Ralph; Bryant B.; Vera, the wife of Ira Elmer; John W.; McKenzie; Beck; Preston W.; Lucilla; and four who died in infancy.

The parents are members of the Mormon church. Politically Mr. Robertson is a democrat and for eight years he filled the office of justice of the peace, in which connection he rendered decisions that were strictly fair and impartial. He has also served on the city board and has made an excellent record by the prompt and able manner in which he has discharged his public duties. In addition to his other business interests he has become the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of improved farm land and he also has a large band of sheep in Bighorn county. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, for in his vocabulary there is no such word as fail. He is diligent and determined and his well defined plans have brought to him notable, gratifying and honorable success.

FRED H. WILLIAMS.

One of the large additions to the manufacturing enterprises of Evanston is the plant of the Becker Brewing & Malting Company, of which Fred H. Williams is the manager. This is now in successful operation and constitutes one of the large business concerns of the city. Mr. Williams is a native son of Michigan. He was



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born at Port Sanilac on the 10th of October, 1869, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Wright) Williams, both of whom went to Michigan from Toronto, Canada, spending their remaining days at Port Sanilac, where the father engaged in business as a stationary engineer. He died in the year 1910, while his wife passed away in 1908. In their family were four children.

Fred H. Williams of this review was the third in order of birth. Through his boyhood days he attended the schools of Michigan and after completing a high school course in his native city he entered the Valparaiso (Ind.) University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. He then turned his attention to a business career, which has taken him to various places. He came to the west in 1892 and made his way first to Oregon, being employed as a bookkeeper at Huntington. There he remained for six years and subsequently he was employed by an express company for seven years, being stationed at various places. Later he entered the service of the Becker Brewing Company at Ogden, Utah, in 1906 and there remained until October, 1917, when he removed to Evanston, Wyoming, to take charge of the large plant which had just been erected by the company in Evanston. This is an extensive and modern brewing plant in which all new machinery has been installed, and it is one of the most thoroughly up-to-date business enterprises of the kind in the state, having a capacity of fifty thousand barrels annually. In addition to the manufacture of beer there is a large bottling department and fine office building. The most sanitary conditions exist and as manager Mr. Williams is giving direct supervision to the business, which is conducted along progressive lines, while the most scientific processes are used in the manufacture of the product.

On the 4th of June, 1897, in Huntington, Oregon, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Richards, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Richards. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have one child, Gladys, who was born in Huntington in 1898 and is a graduate of the high school of Evanston.

Fraternally Mr. Williams is a Mason and is also connected with the Woodmen of the World. In a business way he has worked steadily upward and the steps in his orderly progression are easily discernible. He has made good use of his time and opportunities and is today active in the control of one of the important and extensive business projects of Evanston.

GLENN J. MORRIS, D. D. S.

Dr. Glenn J. Morris, who has built up a large and lucrative practice in Green River, entered upon his professional career well qualified by thorough preliminary study and through his practice his powers have constantly increased, making him the peer of many of the ablest representatives of the dental profession in Wyoming.

He was born in Memphis, Missouri, March 30, 1885, and is a son of John T. and Annie (Mudd) Morris, both of whom were natives of Missouri and still make their home in Memphis. The father has engaged in farming and stock raising throughout his entire life and is widely and prominently known in the community in which he lives. In his family were five children: Roscoe, Ella, Bess and Henry, who are still residents of Memphis; and Glenn J., of this review, who is the eldest child and the only one of the family to leave the state.

In his youthful days Dr. Morris was a pupil in the public schools of Memphis, Missouri, passing through consecutive grades and eventually becoming a high school pupil in Denver, Colorado, where in due time he was graduated. He next entered the University of Denver, as a student in the dental department, and was graduated with the D. D. S. degree as a member of the class of June, 1915. On the completion of his course Dr. Morris made his way direct to Green River, where he opened an office and has since built up a large practice, being recognized as one of the able dental surgeons in this part of the

state. Since his graduation he has kept in touch with the advanced thought and activities of the profession by wide reading and study and also through his membership in the Wyoming State Dental Society. Aside from his professional interests he is treasurer of the Green River Mining Company, a local mining corporation.

On the 23d of June, 1908, Dr. Morris was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McWilliams, of Memphis, Missouri, a daughter of Carl and Jennie (Crawford) McWilliams, who are still residents of Missouri.

Dr. Morris is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and Psi Omega, a dental fraternity. His interests are broad and varied and wide reading keeps him in touch with the trend of public thought and opinion. He is a resourceful man and in his practice readily adapts his knowledge to the specific needs of his patients. His office is well equipped and he is most skilled in the use of the many delicate instruments which form a part of the equipment of the dental practitioner. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the west, for here a liberal patronage has been accorded him and Green River has always numbered him among her citizens of worth.

LAWRENCE A. CHEESE, D. D. S.

Dr. Lawrence A. Cheese, actively engaged in the practice of dentistry in Evanston, is one of the younger representatives of the profession, thoroughly in touch with the most advanced scientific methods that underlie the mechanical part of the dentist's work.

He was born in Lenox, Iowa, January 3, 1892, and is a son of John L. Cheese, who was a native of Illinois and of English descent. The family was founded in America by Edward Cheese, the grandfather of Dr. Cheese of this review. John L. Cheese was reared and educated in Illinois and following his marriage removed to Iowa, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In September, 1898, he removed westward with his family and established his home in Evanston, where he has since been successfully engaged in building operations, being today numbered among the leading building contractors of this city. Evidences of his skill and handiwork are seen on all sides and show him to be a master of the trade which has long engaged his attention. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and he is one of the active workers in its local ranks. He has served as a member of the city council and at all times stands for those things which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride. He married Fannie C. Loveridge, a native of Alexis, Illinois, and of English descent. They are the parents of five children.

Dr. Cheese had a twin brother, Clarence, who passed away February 4, 1916. Lawrence A. Cheese was educated in the public schools of Evanston having been but six years of age at the time of the removal of the family to this city. He passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1912 and afterward, in preparation for a professional career, he entered the dental department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois, and won his professional degree upon graduation with the class of 1915. He then returned to Evanston, where he entered upon active practice, and has since devoted his attention to his professional duties, which are constantly growing in volume and importance. He has been accorded the patronage of many of the best people of the city and his practice is extensive and gratifying. He displays marked mechanical skill and ingenuity, which is always a feature of successful dental practice, and he has, too, an intimate knowledge of the principles of dental science and keeps in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and progress. He has membership in the Wyoming State Dental Society.

On the 9th of October, 1915, in Evanston, Dr. Cheese was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Feldhahn, a native of Chicago and a daughter of Frederick and Helen Feldhahn, the former now deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Cheese have become the parents of two children: Edith Marie, born August 21, 1916; and Clarence Raymond, born October 9, 1917.

The Doctor gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He demands the respect, confidence and goodwill of all with whom he is associated by reason of an upright character as well as by reason of his high professional attainments and he is today one of the valued citizens as well as one of the leading dentists of Evanston.

CLARENCE G. SCOTT.

Clarence G. Scott, manager of the Golden Rule Mercantile Company at Superior, Sweetwater county, was born on the 11th of January, 1895, in Scotland, Illinois, a son of the late T. D. Scott, who was likewise born in Illinois and belonged to one of the old families of that state of Irish descent. T. D. Scott was a successful merchant and farmer of Scotland, Illinois, where he resided for many years, there passing away in 1909, at the age of sixty-five years. He married Jennie Dillon, also a native of Illinois and of Irish lineage. She survives and makes her home in the city of Danville in her native state. In the family were but two children, of whom Kenneth Scott is now in the United States army.

The other son, Clarence G. Scott, was a pupil in the public schools of Danville, Illinois, during the period of his boyhood and youth and when eighteen made his initial step in the business world as a clerk in the employ of the Emory Dry Goods Company of Danville. He there acquainted himself with all branches of the trade and continued with that house for about seven years, on the expiration of which period he resigned his position and came to the west to take charge of the store of the Golden Rule Mercantile Company at Superior, Wyoming. He arrived in May, 1916, and has since been in charge of the business, which under his direction is steadily growing and is proving a profitable concern. His training experience was thorough and his spirit of enterprise is bringing about excellent results for the company which he represents.

In politics Mr. Scott is a democrat where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot, regarding the capability of the candidate rather than his party ties. Mr. Scott was made a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in the lodge at Rock Springs, Wyoming. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and its teachings guide him in all of life's relations. He is a young man of genuine worth, enjoying the confidence and goodwill of those with whom he has been associated, and all who know him speak of him in terms of high regard.

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